



CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



Snowmobile trail stop 1B

Presidential Primary takes place next week

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Get ready to head for the polls next Tuesday, February 22 when Michigan voters get their chance to cast ballots for Presidential nominees.

Although the Michigan ballot contains the names of six Republican candidates, three have already dropped from the race after poor showings in the Iowa Caucus, as well as the New Hampshire and Delaware primaries. First to drop out was U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch, then Kentucky native and former Reagan aide Gary Bauer, and publisher Steve Forbes.

Still in the running for the Republican nomination in Michigan are former United Nation's Ambassador Alan Keyes, Texas Governor George W. Bush and Arizona Senator John McCain.

For the Reform Party, casino giant Donald Trump's name appears on the Michigan ballot, but he, too, dropped from the race just days ago stating conditions in his party were in disorder and fellow candidate Pat Buchanan, who is likely to win the Reform Party nomination, was a "disaster." All of this coming on the heels of Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura leaving the Reform Party over the disarray. Ventura is the party's only elected official in the nation.

On the Democratic side of the ticket only the name of Lyndon H.

LaRouche, Jr. remains. Vice President Al Gore and former New Jersey senator and professional basketball player Bill Bradley have removed their names from the ballot because the Michigan Democratic Party will only count votes cast in the party's March 11 caucus.

Voters who have not yet made up their minds as to the candidate of their choice may opt to vote uncommitted in the primary.

According to the 2000 Voter Information pamphlet provided by Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore, voters can expect to sign their name, provide current address, and date of birth on the poll list (application for ballot) upon arrival at their polling place. Inspectors will then compare your birth date and address with the information on the computer registration list.

In some precincts, voters' signatures on their ballot applications will be compared to signatures on their voters' registration cards, so voters should be prepared to identify themselves.

Polls open on Tuesday at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Grayling City residents (Precinct 101) will vote at the Grayling Middle School that day. All other voters in the county will vote at their respective township halls, with the exception of Frederic Township, where voting will take place at the Frederic Township Library.

Winter Fun Days



Photo by Caleb Casey

The Winter Fun Days festival (formerly Winter Wolf) took place this past weekend at Hanson Hills and several other locations in Crawford County. One Winter Fun Days event at Hanson Hills featured the talents of local snowboarders (above), who performed a variety of jumps, flips, and acrobatic moves on their boards in the snowboard competition. For a list of the competition winners, as well as results of many other Winter Fun Days events held last weekend, see Page 1B.

County-wide recycling proposal approved

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Over the past several months, Crawford County Environmental Monitor Pat Merrill has taken a close look at existing recycling programs within the county, including those implemented by townships and the City of Grayling. Merrill found many drawbacks to local recycling programs, with the exception of the award-winning program in Grayling Township.

Merrill has been reporting to the Crawford County Board of Commissioners his findings on a regular basis. He has also held meetings with township supervisors to discuss the ongoing problem of recyclable materials finding their way to landfills instead of being recycled because waste disposal firms are

deeming loads too "contaminated" to be recycled. The firms are claiming household waste is being found in recycling containers, thus contaminating the loads.

Merrill brought a county-wide recycling program proposal to the Board at a special meeting on February 10 after it was approved by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees at their regular meeting the night before. In attendance at the special meeting were Maple Forest Township Supervisor Mark Kniss and Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Lee Riley. In the proposal, the Grayling Township recycling center will take in materials from all over the county.

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Glen's ruled out in '98 shopping cart death

► Judge Murphy finds no supportable reason to find Glen's liable for deadly shopping cart prank

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Attorneys for the family of Doris Shinabarger and Glen's Market met in 46th Circuit Trial Court on February 9 to hear Judge Dennis Murphy rule on whether the store held any legal responsibility for the location of a shopping cart that became the main focus in a traffic accident that took Shinabarger's life over a year ago.

On September 26, 1998, Shinabarger was struck and killed by a car driven by Karrie Harrington on the I-75 Business Loop in Grayling after leaving her vehicle to remove a Glen's Market shopping cart blocking a traffic lane.

Murphy reviewed carefully Arkansas case law provided for him by the plaintiff's attorney, but said he found little similarity in that case where a woman was injured when she stumbled over a shopping cart in the store's parking lot to this case

where a shopping cart was purposefully placed in a lane of traffic.

The judge in the Arkansas case ruled the store in question showed a lack of proper and ordinary care and failed to meet its obligation to maintain a safe lot. In the Shinabarger case, Judge Murphy said, the facts were "substantially different."

"The Glen's cart was moved well out of the main lot of Glen's," Murphy said. "The cart was not in an area normally patrolled by Glen's."

The judge went on to explain that, according to witness testimony, the shopping cart was placed in the road by an unknown third party in a red pick-up truck and, while other drivers near the scene of the accident were stopped, Harrington did not. "There were too many intervening, superceding negligent and intentional acts," Murphy said. "Ms. Harrington was clearly negligent."

Judge Murphy said he was reluctant to dismiss Glen's as a defendant in the case before pre-trial mediation takes place, but could find no jury issue or supportable reason that would place liability on the store for the tragic death of Mrs. Shinabarger.

"The evidence presented in this case is too factually and legally removed from Glen's Market," he said.

Partnership planned for I-75/NDRR interchange

► Local officials discuss next steps with regard to full interchange plan

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Construction of a four-way I-75 interchange at North Down River Road is still in the works, but MDOT is asking the community to form some sort of unified partnership and generate as much local support as possible to get the project moved up in the plans.

"Support" includes financial backing, and resolving issues connected with the potential inter-

change project, such as relocation of the Little League field.

Local government officials and representatives of other involved parties gathered at the Road Commission on Friday, February 4, to discuss the partnership idea and the interchange project in general.

Several of those in attendance had met with MDOT officials in January regarding the status of the North Down interchange. They said that in order to get the project moved up on the priority list, MDOT needs the community to come up with a major support proposal to convince the department's upper management of the need for the interchange, and demonstrate the willingness of the community to help with the project.

The theory is, the more money and services the community can put into the project, the bigger the effect on MDOT management, and thus a better chance of making the interchange a reality.

"We will have to put together a heck of a good partnership to get in this plan," said Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright.

The plan Wright referred to is MDOT's Five Year Road & Bridge Program. The full interchange is not listed in the recently-released 1999-2004 five year plan, other than mentioning that preliminary engineering has been conducted and that potential designs were presented in a February 1999 public meeting.

Not everyone at the February 4

meeting was 100 percent convinced of the need for the interchange, but several benefits were noted.

Lynn McConnell, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, said the project could help the community grow, improve traffic flow, and provide better emergency access to the hospital. Terry Wright mentioned the current effort to restore the fish hatchery, citing that a full interchange at North Down would greatly improve access to the site.

Road Commissioner Tom Perry said that the interchange could help keep military traffic headed to and from the MATES facility out of the downtown area.

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Frederic opts to keep constable; may increase position's authority

► Township Board decides to put constable position on August ballot

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Communities with constables are becoming rarer and rarer as local governments choose to phase out the position. Last week, Frederic Township decided to keep its constable for at least another four years.

At the township board's regular meeting last Tuesday, Township Supervisor Brian Hulbert reported that the board must address the constable issue due to a six-month

deadline with regard to the August primary election to be held this year. The constable position would be up for election, and the board must decide if the office is to continue, he said.

Several options were available to the board. Hulbert noted that many communities have opted to eliminate the position.

"Many don't have it anymore," Hulbert said, "mostly because of not being able to perform a lot of duties. Constitutionally, there's not a lot of things they can do."

Hulbert also said the township's insurance carrier has recommended dropping the position, due to legal problems other communities have had as a result of actions taken by their constables.

"This is the time we need to decide if we want to continue with the constable," said Hulbert.

"I'm for keeping him," said Frederic Township Treasurer Sandy Barber. "I do feel it's good (for the township)."

Trustee Karen Bindschatel agreed. "It's good for the community to know someone's here they can call or count on that's familiar with us, knows a lot of people, and knows the businesses," she said. "I'm in favor of keeping him too."

The next question, Hulbert said, is how many constables to place on the ballot. By law, the township could have up to four elected constables, he said.

(Right now, Frederic has one constable.)

Barber asked current Frederic Constable Chuck Stoddard if there is a need for a second man on the job.

Stoddard said "the time is coming where we will need more" law enforcement in the area, but didn't specifically say another constable was needed.

Currently, Stoddard spends some time patrolling the township, just making sure everything looks right, he said, but as far as enforcing ordinances or laws, he has little power.

Stoddard said that basically his "hands are tied" due to the lack of authority, and that all he can really do is give verbal warnings, and if people choose not to heed them, he can't do anything further. He said the township needs to pass an ordi-

nance giving him more authority to enforce township ordinances and write tickets.

Hulbert said the township could pass an ordinance like that, but some of the township's ordinances specifically list the zoning administrator as the person authorized to enforce them, creating a possible conflict. The township board would have to decide what types of ordinances the constable should enforce before passing an ordinance giving him more authority, he said.

Barber mentioned one potential area to target: animal control. "We've got a major dog problem," she said.

Stoddard responded by saying he doesn't have the proper equipment

to cage animals, and there's still the problem of where to take them if he had a cage.

Stoddard said that traffic violations, parking, and ordinance enforcement are areas the constable should have some leverage to enforce.

The Board agreed to look into the matter, and possibly put together an ordinance giving the constable more enforcement ability.

To keep the constable position in the township, Bindschatel moved to place one constable on the August primary ballot. Barber supported, and the motion passed 3-1. (Hulbert voted "no.")

The elected constable serves a four-year term. Salary for the position is \$1,200 per year.

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Black urges citizens to show support for severance bills

by Mark Drouillard and Eric Lacy
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Bills to bring local governments more money from gas and oil drilling in their areas may have to wait until spring before reaching the governor's desk.

When minerals are taken from the ground, a severance tax is collected from oil and gas exploration companies. The severance tax applies only to those facilities located on private property.

Currently all severance tax funds go into the state's general fund. Last year the state collected \$23.4 million

and the Treasury Department expects the amount to rise to \$32 million next year.

Gov. John Engler and the Treasury Department oppose the legislation, saying current measures adequately fund local governments.

"We support revenue sharing as a way to support local governments," said Treasury press secretary, Bridget Medina.

Rep. David Mead (R-Frankfort), who sponsored one of the bills, said the change will affect the northern Lower Peninsula, where most of the state's oil and gas resources are

located. "Under the new measures, revenues equal to about \$6 to \$9 million would go back to local governments instead of the state's general fund."

The money has been earmarked to help maintain, and in some cases, repair the resources used by oil companies. Currently, local governments and taxpayers pay for the roads and infrastructure for companies that allow them to drill for fuel, Mead said. Potential damage to the environment is also a concern.

The legislation proposes that 25 percent of the severance tax go to

townships and counties for improvements such as environmental projects or the repair of roads and bridges damaged by oil and gas trucks.

The Senate passed the legislation by a unanimous vote, and a slightly different version of the bill was passed by the House with only one negative vote. Now, senators and representatives need to negotiate over the differences.

Michigan's oil and gas industry is extensive, according to Frank Mortl, president of the Michigan Oil and Gas Association, with 14,800 operating oil and gas wells in 64 counties. The Association supports the tax proposal.

Kathy Black, former Crawford County Commissioner and organizer of GOALIES (Gas, Oil, and Land Impact Environment Statewide), a group of county and township officials and Michigan State University Extension agents, stressed the importance of lobbying. "Right now we have to keep the pressure on since the governor doesn't seem to favor this issue."

Black urges the citizens of Crawford County and others living in areas where fuel is drilled, to write to their state representative and state senators, as well as the governor to help bring more funds to rural communities operating on small budgets.

County-wide recycling proposal approved

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Merrill requested and the County Board approved the purchase of a new one-ton Chevrolet four-wheel drive pickup truck with 10,000 pound towing capability, heavy duty trailer equipment, snow plow preparation and heavy duty front springs to be used to haul trailers full of recycling materials from locations in each township to the Grayling Township transfer station.

The County Board also agreed to add air conditioning, a bed liner, a radio and a heavy duty rear bumper to the truck to increase its potential future resale value.

The truck will be purchased through a program sponsored by the State of Michigan, at a cost of \$19,770.49 — a savings of over

\$10,000 if purchased elsewhere.

Merrill also gained approval to purchase two recycling trailers from Geneva Products at a cost of \$5,655 each to be used in the program.

To help Grayling Township with the increase in recyclables they will handle, the County Board approved to subsidize the pay of a part-time township employee.

The total program start-up cost is \$41,290.49 to be taken from existing funds from the landfill settlement.

According to Merrill's proposal, the recycling program should be in full swing by June 1 with the trailers put on a revolving schedule of regular visits to each township's existing recycling/waste disposal station.

The townships will be responsible

for manning the stations while a recycling trailer is on-site to prevent household waste from being deposited, thus avoiding contamination. Merrill told the Board township waste stations are already manned during normal hours of operation, so no new employees or expenses should be incurred at the township level to implement the program.

For the purpose of convenience, the new program includes the opportunity for residents to use any recycling center in the county. Merrill said some South Branch Township residents may live closer to the Lovells Township recycling station. The program would allow citizens to use the station nearest to their home. However, township household trash programs will remain in effect.

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe was also in attendance at the special meeting and said he was surprised to hear Merrill found the City's recyclables were, in most instances, being dumped in a landfill. Lowe said if this is so, then he will take steps to end that waste disposal contract and demand the money back for the recycling portion of the bill. He told the County Board that he would be more than happy to get the City involved in Merrill's program.

If the new recycling program is successful, and Merrill said he predicts it will, savings on landfill tipping fees should be realized county-wide.

Local pianist needs help with European tour costs

Deborah Schreiner, daughter of Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner and his wife, Marjorie, has been invited on a 10-day tour of Switzerland and Italy this June.

Deborah will be serving as the piano accompanist for Gaylord's St. Mary's Cathedral Choir, under the direction of Wayne Wyrembelski, Director of Music.

Because Deborah has only been

able to find part-time work as of this date, and is still struggling to save enough money to pay for her plane fare and other incidentals — such as her passport, meals and insurance — she is in need of funding.

The Schreiner family has been doing what they can to help out, but the trip's costs are really adding up.

Anyone wishing to help this young lady make this once-in-a-lifetime trip a reality may send a donation in care of her grandmother, Patricia P. Schreiner, at 305 Plum Street, Grayling, MI 49738.

Trailer given to Frederic snowmobile rescue

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Frederic Fire Department's snowmobile rescue operation is up and running, after recently receiving more help with equipment needs.

Following the donation of a snowmobile by Forbush Corners and a rescue sled from the Sheriff's Department, the fire department just needed a trailer to help transport the equipment.

The department had just launched a fundraising effort to purchase a trailer, but an Ohio couple donated one, eliminating the need for it.

Jim and Dee Stahl, who live in Ohio but have a cabin in Crawford County, gave the department the trailer, Frederic Fire Chief Ed Goswicki reported.

"The trailer is fairly new," said Goswicki. "They didn't use it much."

The department also received \$250 from the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association for the snowmobile rescue effort, and another \$60 in donations from snowmobilers.

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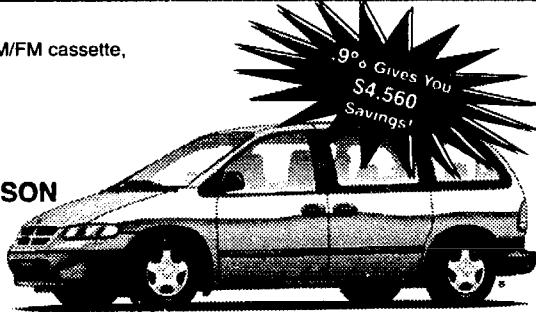


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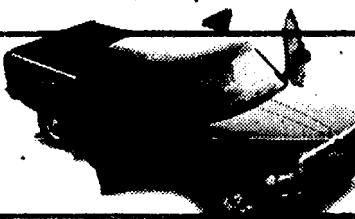
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Hatchery project needs \$60,000 in matching funds

by Cheryl Raley
Staff Writer

If the Grayling Fish Hatchery Restoration Project Committee is to receive \$467,000 in grant funding through the Clean Michigan Initiative, about \$60,000 in matching local donations and pledges must be raised by March 15 to meet the grant application deadline.

The committee is looking to every individual and organization interested for help in restoring the hatchery building and creating an educational, historical and recreational area for county residents and to draw outdoor sports enthusiasts, nature lovers, and history buffs from all over the world to the shores of the AuSable River.

The AuSable River Initiative Local Recreation Bond being applied for carries the stipulation that the project be completed within a two-year time frame. The Committee has planned the project in three phases, with Phase One to begin this spring.

Phase One includes river shoreline restoration by filling in channels and replacing them with one stream, planting trees and shrubs, creating proper storm drainage and a storm water retention basin, widening the concrete sidewalks and installing toe-plates at the raceways, and replacement/repair of raceway and phase two concrete.

Phase Two includes creating a new raceway filter system, water control gates, walking trails with

signs identifying foliage and animal species or areas of historical significance, creation and installation of fish and cold water river educational signage, and demolition of dilapidated small out buildings on the hatchery property.

Phase Three includes dredging and narrowing of the width of the river channel, creating a children's fishing pond, parking lot construction and fence work. The Committee would also like to build a deck on the northwest side of the hatchery building complete with landscaping.

All these plans will only be possible if the community supports the project in making cash donations or pledging future cash donations by the deadline. The grant guidelines clearly state that community support for the project must be evident. Work "in-kind" dollars required for the "grant" has been fulfilled by the Committee from local contractors.

"This is a very exciting project and will enhance our community for years to come," said Charlotte Mosel, Finance Chair. "The completed project will offer something for every age group and will indeed become a monument to our community. Besides, it will restore and not destroy a grand old building."

The Committee is also in the process of writing other grants, including the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to help with its business plan and Weyerhaeuser to help make the hatchery building's



Grayling Fish Hatchery

restrooms ADA compliant and handicap accessible. Weyerhaeuser has already helped with materials to seal up the building and make roof repairs.

Local civic organizations are encouraged to add the Hatchery Project to their next meeting's agenda and consider a donation or pledge to the restoration project. Any questions concerning the project may be directed to Pat Merrill at 344-3258.

Also, Grayling Fish Hatchery "fish banks" are being distributed around the area for those who would like to free themselves of pocket change. Any business interested in serving as a collection point for the rush to fulfill the \$60,000 needed should also contact Merrill.

Donations and pledges of future donations can be sent to: Grayling

Fish Hatchery Project, P.O. Box 1128, Grayling, MI 49738.

The Committee also welcomes your comments and suggestions at the above address or attend a monthly meeting at the County Building. Meeting dates will be posted.

The Grayling Fish Hatchery Restoration Project Committee anticipates the Crawford County Board signing the Clean Michigan Initiative Local Recreation Bond application after public comment, beginning around 10 a.m., at their next regular meeting, February 16.

Partnership planned for I-75/NDRR interchange

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There are drawbacks to the project, too. Several right-of-ways have to be secured, a process that can involve a lot of time. The Little League field would have to be moved, and the interchange could result in traffic being rerouted away from the Business Loop. Plus, a full interchange at North Down doesn't solve one of the most problematic aspects of I-75 access in Grayling: getting back on northbound I-75 once you've entered Grayling from the south side.

In addition, parts of Isenhauer Road and Beaver Island Road would have to be relocated, and Glenn Road would have to be rerouted.

Alternatives to building a full interchange at North Down were

mentioned, such as adding one at M-72 East instead, but McConnell said MDOT has made it clear with regard to the North Down interchange project that it is 'this or nothing' and 'now or never.'

In response to the potential interchange construction, Grayling Little League has discussed the prospect of relocating to the Crawford County Fairgrounds, said League President Rich Alexander, but "financially we have no means to move there."

Alexander felt the Booster Club would donate property for the move, but fields would still have to be constructed. Commissioner Perry, who also works with the Department of Military Affairs, said the military would likely help with the actual

ball field construction.

To continue with the "partnership" and move the I-75/North Down full interchange project along, the group agreed that the next step is to figure out costs for some of the involved projects for which MDOT would like to have a local commitment of responsibility.

The Road Commission for Crawford County will put together cost estimates for the rerouting of the three roads, said Managing Director Don Babcock. Alexander said Little League will determine the costs of moving the fields.

The group tentatively scheduled another public meeting regarding the interchange project for Friday, March 17, at 10 a.m. at the Road Commission.

Benefit spaghetti dinner planned for Love family

A spaghetti dinner benefiting Lori Love and her sons will be held Sunday, February 20 at the American Legion Hall, from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

This benefit dinner was in the process of being organized and donations were beginning to come in when Tim Love passed away suddenly on February 8. He leaves behind his wife, Lori, and two sons - Scott, age 10, and Jay, age eight.

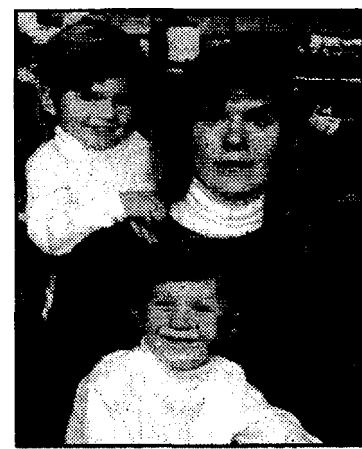
The family has experienced considerable medical expenses, currently outstanding due to the family's lack of medical insurance. The dinner will help offset the costs of these

medical bills.

Any donations are greatly appreciated. The community is invited to stop by the Legion Hall and help the Love family during their time of grief and crisis.

Local businesses have donated prizes for hourly drawings during the benefit dinner.

Tickets are \$5 per person or \$20 per family and can be purchased at the door, at Riverland Gear, Mary's Corner Bookstore, or by calling Debbie Weaver at 348-4220 or Debbie Helsel at (517) 275-5759.

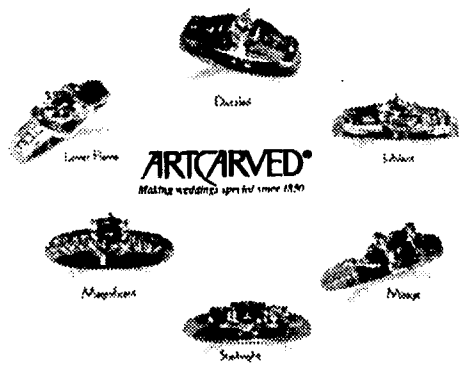


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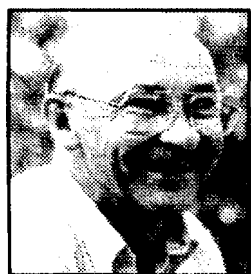
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Big question: Can McCain win in Michigan?

THAT UPSTART John McCain -- pushed along steadily by a generally positive national media -- has put a whole new slant on Michigan's presidential primary in a couple of weeks.

Who ever would have guessed, when the primary was moved ahead ostensibly to give Michigan more national importance in the presidential nomination sweepstakes, that it would leap out of the campaign mix as an almost make-or-break stopover for candidates.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush was supposed to have this whole thing pretty much in his hip pocket by the time Michigan voters went to the polls.

Oh, Mr. Bush might stumble a bit in New Hampshire, which has always run a contrary sort of presidential primary.

But Sen. McCain stood toe to toe with Gov. Bush in New Hampshire snow, and never batted an eye.

He not only won New Hampshire, but he won it BIG -- and voters around the country, including Michigan, said "Hey, wait a

minute. Maybe this guy really has a chance."

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SUCCESS BREEDS success, and money started rolling in for Sen. McCain. His polling numbers surged all over the place.

Save for a Bush blowout of McCain in South Carolina -- which is not likely -- Michigan could be vital for them both.

Gov. John Engler, chief Bush booster in Michigan from way back, early on promised that Michigan would provide a firewall for his Texas colleague, never expecting Gov. Bush would need one.

But politics is politics, and a Michigan firewall at this point is a whole lot easier to promise than to deliver.

Michigan voters at times can be just as contrary as those in New Hampshire, and the way the February 22 primary shapes up, contrariness is invited.

Political history shows Michigan voters are split roughly one third Democrats, one

third Republicans and one third Independents.

It's those unpredictable Independents who could rule the day in Michigan.

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THE WAY THE Michigan Republican primary is set up invites political mischief.

The Republican primary is open to all comers, meaning the voter is not required to declare party allegiance to vote.

The voter asks for a ballot, draws a curtain, and then has a choice. The voter can vote either Republican, Democrat or Reform.

The only candidate on the Democrat ballot is Lyndon LaRouche, a political rogue if ever there was one.

The only Reform candidate listed is Donald Trump.

So why should any voter bother with anything but the Republican slate? There they have a real choice with real meaning: Either George W. Bush or John McCain.

Other Republican candidates appear on

the ballot, too. Alan Keyes is there, as well as three who have withdrawn since the ballot was printed: Steve Forbes, Gary Bauer and Orrin Hatch.

IT'S ENTIRELY possible John McCain could continue his impressive attraction to voters in Michigan, despite the massing of Gov. Engler and the entire Michigan Republican power structure in the Bush corner.

If some of the usual Republicans, and most of the usual Independents, and all of the crossover Democrats plunk for Sen. McCain, it's possible he could add Michigan to his bandwagon.

In a way, Democrats could repay Michigan Republicans for their crossover mischief in 1972, when they helped push George Wallace to a primary win, embarrassing the Democratic power structure who wanted anyone else.

The larger the vote, the better off Sen. McCain will be.

And that's the rub for McCain fans.

Primaries are mainly party exercises. Gov. Engler and his Bush supporters control much of the party apparatus from the state level down through the grass roots. They will make a positive effort to identify and turn out every possible Bush vote.

How many Independents and Democrats will go to the trouble of voting in what is a single-question election in most places? They will have to be highly motivated to make the trip at all.

In most precincts, voters face only a single chance to mark a ballot or punch a hole in their candidate card. The only question will be the presidency, and voters can vote only for one party and one candidate.

Political common sense says the Engler-Bush team likely will carry Michigan, but it doesn't seem as certain as it did before New Hampshire.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Memorial fund aims to help spay/neuter program

To the editor,

Because of the Presque Isle Electric Communities First Fund, Lewiston's Best Friends (LBF) has spayed or neutered 35 animals in January. This means we'll have less unwanted puppies and kittens this spring.

Sadly, we also lost one of our best friends -- a lovely Burmese Mountain Dog named Thorne -- loved and cared for by Patty and Brad Aarons. Anyone who knew Thorne understood him to be a great friend and companion whose big, brown eyes spoke much about

how much our four-legged friends mean in the lives of human beings.

Thorne loved his owners and they him, which is more than some little puppies and kittens receive in life. However, the Aarons have turned their loss into something positive, giving LBF a gift in the memory of "Silver Thorne." With it, Lewiston's Best Friends will begin the Thorne Memorial Puppy and Kitten Fund.

At least once a month, we receive a call from a pet owner who would like to place a litter but cannot afford the spays and neuters

which make the puppies or kittens more attractive to potential owners. LBF helps, but the cost -- usually picked up entirely by our organization -- is great.

With Thorne's Fund, any donation designated for it will go to help spay and neuter puppies and kittens.

So, if you'd like to remember one of your best friends, please designate your contribution to Lewiston's Best Friends for Thorne's Fund, and LBF will make sure the next litter of defenseless kittens or puppies won't be

destroyed because they cannot be placed.

With your donation, we will not have to tell readers about a shameless pet owner who was overheard saying, as she tried to give away puppies in front of a local grocery store, that she didn't believe animals should be spayed or neutered. Were these puppies later found in the Mio woods and euthanized in Oscoda County? It's better to prevent unwanted births than to have to kill litters that did not need to be born.

Remember, you can help our

organization by giving us Carter's slips, Spartan labels, Homeless Homer labels and by visiting our web site at k2.kirtland.cc.mi.us/~tatumml. Check out the information LBF updates monthly, and if you need to purchase items from PetsMart, click on the logo at the bottom of our web page and we will receive ten percent of your purchase amount. Also, click on the Valupage ad on our web site -- LBF receives five cents and you receive coupons to use at your local grocery store. Remember: to give us credit you must click through

from our web site.

Write us for more information at Lewiston's Best Friends, P.O. Box 969, Lewiston, MI 49756 or call Sally Brand or Bud Jones Insurance Agency at (517) 786-2296. Until next month... we're marking our territory with spays and neuters.

Maggie Tatum
Lewiston's Best Friends
Lewiston

UMRA member heard nothing about new rules

To the editor,

Two weeks ago I wrote to you regarding the new fishing rules for the Manistee River and how it would affect children, specifically my grandchildren. I appreciate the many people from the Grayling area who have since contacted me in support of my opinions.

I am a member of the Upper Manistee River Association (UMRA), however, when I wrote the aforementioned letter, I was not aware that the UMRA corroborated with the DNR on the new fishing rules.

Even though I am a member of this organization, I was never notified of any pending fishing regulations, changes or hearings

in this regard. However, this is quite normal. As an out-of-state property owner, I am never notified in any timely fashion by the State of Michigan or any governing body within the State of any hearings or changes in property taxes or fishing regulations. You have heard this before from our forefathers, it is "taxation without representation."

Yes, it is sad that my grandchildren who, in the past years, have looked forward to fishing with me "around the cabin" on the Manistee River, can do this no longer. The trout fishing days for them as children on the river we all love are over!

Frank Grant
Wilmington, NC

Accusation of 'staged' boiler breakdown disgusts reader

To the editor,

I just finished reading the letter to the editor from Mr. Seaver and it just disgusts me that someone would think that our custodial and maintenance staff would stage a boiler breaking down.

We have dedicated, hard-working men and women at our high school and I cannot believe that someone would be so ignorant as to think that they would do something like this.

There was no heat because the boiler broke down. What part of that do you not understand, Mr. Seaver? I feel that a sincere apology from I see is needed here.

As far as the gym, auditorium, and the band room being open at night for extra-curricular activities, these are not open for just entertainment purposes. First of all, it teaches all of the students involved self-respect, self-esteem,

and self-discipline and with that comes better grade point averages and more college graduates. Now, why would we want that?

Every time I sit down to read the *Crawford County Avalanche* and I see a letter from you, I always think, "that poor lost soul... his life must be very sad to be so..."

Maybe you should look at issues in a positive manner and relay those opinions to the residents of Crawford County. Now, that's a thought.

I do hope that in your life you do find some peace. Please stop writing such negative letters. We need improvements at the high school and if you would like, I am sure that you could go through our high school and see for yourself.

Debbie Weaver
Grayling

Voters should have been asked before giving up City Hall

To the editor,

I am writing this letter not only for myself, but for the many other senior citizens of Grayling.

Our tax dollars were used to build City Hall. Why did just a few citizens have the chance to decide to give up this building which was cen-

trally located? Why wasn't it put to a vote for all the citizens of Grayling to be given the right to choose this?

The government is supposed to be by the people, for the people... not just a few selective ones.

Irene Mary Galvani
Grayling

Clear a path for mail carriers

To our customers:

Keeping your mail box and sidewalk clear of snow and ice so your letter carrier can safely approach your mail box or door ensures that you receive the best service in the worst weather.

The Postal Service, which delivers to millions of addresses six days a week, has its hands full when winter storms hit. The challenge to provide uninterrupted delivery regardless of the conditions can be accomplished with a little help from you.

Here's what you can do to help:

- If you receive delivery of mail to a rural mailbox, you can keep the approach and exit from that box clear of snow. Specifically, clear around the box to allow your carrier to drive up to the box, deposit mail and drive away. The Postal Service realizes this is no small task, but it is very important to ensure safe and timely delivery for everyone on the route.

If your mail is delivered at your residence, the same holds true. Keep the path to your mailbox or slot clear. Delivery personnel, meter readers, friends and family will benefit from a safe and convenient path to your door. Employees are not required to put themselves or their equipment at risk unnecessarily.

When walkways or mailbox approaches are not cleared and appear unsafe, delivery can be suspended until the situation is corrected. You may be liable for injuries that occur on your property, especially if you have failed to provide safe access.

The men and women of the United States Postal Service want to deliver your mail on time every day. With a little help from the people they serve, this can happen even in the worst winters.

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Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

Rotary Calendar winners announced

Rotary Calendar winners in January, winning \$50 each, were Bonnie Lang, Peggy Hughey, Mark Cook, Tanya Stephens, and John Sojka.

Guild hosts 6th Biennial Quilt Show

Over 125 quilted items will be on display February 26-27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bay County Historical Museum in Bay City for the Bay Heritage Quilters Guild's 6th Biennial Quilt Show. Admission is a \$2 donation. Gifts will be judged by an NQA Certified Quilt Judge; 38 awards will be given out. A raffle will be held for a queen-sized Carolina-Lily quilt and accessories and a silent auction will also be held. Those attending will get an opportunity to see quilting demonstrations, win a door prize, play games and visit vendors. There will also be quilt appraisals by appointment. For more information, call (517) 684-4919 or Judy Wisniewski at (517) 892-6390.

Marriage Encounter offers spring weekend

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a special time for couples that have a good marriage but want to grow deeper in their relationship. The closeness husbands and wives experience on the weekend has been known to bring new joy and excitement into their marriages. Call Chris and Steve Seager at (517) 348-8096 to reserve a place for the next Marriage Encounter Weekend scheduled for April 7-9.

Red Cross offers first aid/safety courses

The American Red Cross Northern Lower Michigan Chapter is offering the following courses: *Community First Aid and Safety* - Sunday, February 26, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and March 6-7, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. each evening. Includes adult, child and infant CPR and first aid. Fee is \$40. Classes will be held at the Red Cross office located in the Parkside Mini Mall, 1349 S. Orsego, Suite 9, in Gaylord. Pre-registration is required. Call (517) 732-7161 to register, to find out about volunteer opportunities or to make a donation to the local Red Cross.

Transplant support group to meet

The Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan will meet at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 26 in the classroom at Otsego Memorial Hospital, 825 N. Center in Gaylord. Nancy Reagan, RN will be the guest speaker. The topic of discussion will be "Home Health Care." The group is designed for anyone who is pre- or post-transplant, their family or friends, caregivers, donors or other interested community members. To check for meeting cancellations, call Bev Cherwinski at (517) 983-4188 or the OMH Health Education Department at (517) 731-2193. Pre-registration for the meeting is not required.

Cost of alcohol safety class lowered

The G.R.A.C.E. Center announced recently that the cost of its Alcohol Highway Safety Class has been reduced to \$80 per class. Anyone wishing to enroll in an upcoming Saturday class or needing more information about the classes should call the Center at (517) 348-2544.

Bradstreet plans stop in Grayling

State Rep. Ken Bradstreet (R-Gaylord), will meet with Crawford County residents on February 28 at the new Grayling City Hall, 5688 M-72 West.

The 105th District lawmaker will be at the city hall from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to discuss state govern-

ment issues and residents' concerns. "No appointment is necessary and I encourage anyone with questions on state matters to come in," Bradstreet said.

Residents can reach Bradstreet at his Lansing office toll-free at 1-877-KEN-4-105.

1999 taxpayer guide now available

Northern Michigan residents can get important state tax information in the 1999 Michigan Taxpayer's Guide offered by state Rep. Ken Bradstreet, (R-Gaylord).

"This free guide can help make sense of the sometimes-confusing language and instructions on tax forms," Bradstreet said. "It also provides more detail about the information needed on the forms, which can be a big help as you're working your way through doing your taxes."

The booklet outlines many Michigan laws on property taxes, homestead property tax credits,

farmland and open space tax relief, the Single Business Tax and other related subjects. Also included are sample tax forms and a list of phone numbers for assistance.

Bradstreet has provided free copies of the 1999 tax guide to local libraries, post offices and county courthouses. Requests also can be sent by writing to Bradstreet at the State Capitol, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909 or calling his office toll-free at 1-877-KEN-4-105.

The guide is now available in the outer lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse.

Davenport expands to serve Grayling

To continue to better serve area residents seeking higher education, Davenport College will offer a spring term course at the Michigan National Guard Armory in Grayling.

The 4.5 credit class entitled, "Principles of marketing," will be held for 10 weeks on Monday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9:25 p.m., beginning March 27. The course is open to members of the National Guard, and residents of the Grayling area.

Davenport College, through its Gaylord Center, offers a wide curriculum of classes for those who are seeking associate and bachelor degrees in business. People can also take "non-credit" courses for their own personal growth.

Due to the growing interest expressed by Guard members and others, Davenport began offering a local Grayling class, "Human

Resource Management" in January. Some students chose to take just the Grayling course, while others also enrolled in additional classes at the Gaylord Center.

Davenport representative, Sheila Simpson, stated that the college is committed to reaching out to assist students who want to achieve college degrees and strengthen their business skills. As Grayling interest continues to grow, the college fully expects to provide additional classes beginning Fall term, 2000.

Tuition assistance is available through federal financial aid. Davenport grants and employer tuition reimbursement. College staff will assist students in learning about financial aid resources.

For more information about spring term courses, contact Davenport College, Gaylord Center, at (517) 731-2966.

CPAs offer free tax assistance

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) is holding the first of its two annual Ask-A-CPA Call-In-Days on Saturday, February 26.

Taxpayers who are puzzled by the effects of new tax laws can get the answers to state and federal tax questions free of charge by dialing

toll free 1-877-420-4CPA. For those who miss the first Saturday's opportunity to receive free tax advice, they will have another chance on Saturday, March 25.

Volunteer CPAs will be available to assist taxpayers from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This program is completely free of charge. Participants may call as often as they wish, but are limited to two questions per call so that volunteers may assist as many callers as possible.

The information given to callers is not intended to be all-inclusive and has not been approved or disapproved by the MACPA.

The MACPA maintains an office in Troy and serves over 15,000 Certified Public Accountants in Michigan through its educational and professional programs.

For more information, visit their web site at www.michcpa.org.

Mercy offers Healthy Heart cooking class

You don't have to compromise taste to be able to cook healthier. Mercy Hospital Grayling is offering a free program for the community titled, "Healthy Heart Cooking Class." A registered dietician will show how to modify recipes, read labels and create healthy menus.

The class is being offered on the following dates:

February 23 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Mercy Hospital Grayling, Crawford Room;

February 24 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Mercy Community Health Center in Prudenville; and

March 2 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Mercy Community Health Center in Roscommon.

Registration is required by calling (517) 348-0708.

There is no charge for the class.

Public pools now open

The Kaliseum Recreation Complex opened its swimming pools to the public for the first time February 14. Pool hours for the remainder of the year are:

February 14-18 and 21-25 - Lap Swim, 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.; Senior Swim, 9 a.m. to 12 noon; Open Swim, 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

February 19, 20, 26 and 27 - Open Swim Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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The Bible Speaks Is Soul-Winning Wrong?

Our Lord Jesus Christ commanded us to preach the gospel to every creature in every nation. (Matt. 28:18-20) "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Mark 16:15-16) "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Jesus Christ taught us what to teach and what to expect for obeying Him. (John 3:16-20) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh

to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved." People hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ will either be glad or get mad.

Today, in post Christian America, we are facing growing hostility against the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Southern Baptists planned a soul-winning outreach this summer in the city of Chicago. For this they have been accused of "A spiritual narrowness that invites theological hatred," by a spokesman for the Jewish Anti-Defamation League. The spokesman added, "It is pure arrogance for any religion to assume that they hold 'the truth.' It is permissible for any religion to claim truth but none can claim 'the truth.'" But, Christ claimed to be truth personified! (John 14:6) "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Peter said in Acts 4:12: "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Liberal religious leaders in Chicago have accused the Southern Baptists of contributing to a "climate conducive to hate crimes" by calling for a large evangelistic campaign there next summer. But, what would Jesus Christ say? (John 7:7) "The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil." (John 15:18) "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated

me before it hated you." (Luke 6:22) "Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake."

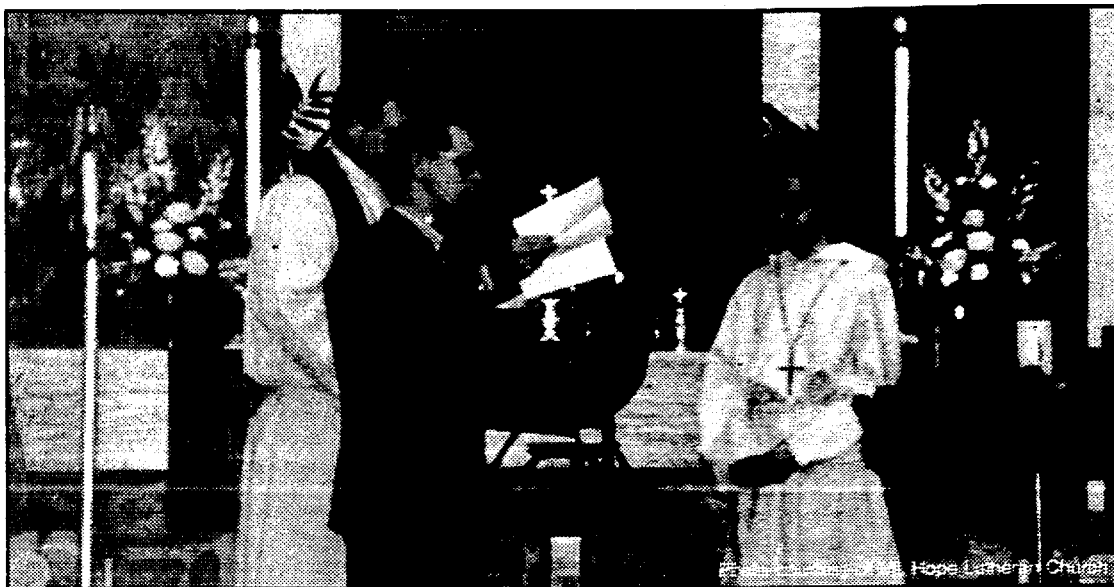
When the apostle Peter and the other apostles were ordered to stop preaching the gospel they gave the perfect answer: (Acts 5:2) "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men." Sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ is sharing God's gift of love, grace, and mercy, with lost humanity. Fighting Jesus Christ, His gospel, and His Holy Word is hating God!

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html>.

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy for Y2K and beyond. Join us in a verse study of the book of Revelations each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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Church Directory

An Example of Greatness

In the month of February, our focus moves to men of greatness who were examples to us all. One of these men was Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the United States.

Mr. Lincoln exemplified several qualities necessary for greatness. He pressed onward, finally winning the presidency after being defeated for public office eleven times and suffering a nervous breakdown. Mr. Lincoln was also a man of fine character. He had empathy for the poor and oppressed, for he came from humble beginnings, and took nothing for granted.

Lincoln believed that everyone should be treated equally, "with malice toward none and charity for all"....that we should exercise, "the angels of our nature."

Most importantly, Abraham Lincoln was a man of God. Of the Bible, he said, "Read this book for what on reason you can accept, and take the rest on faith...." Of the importance of churches... "blessed be God, who, in this, our great trial, giveth us the churches." Follow a great example. Worship this week.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Colossians 3:1-17	Colossians 3:18-4:1	Colossians 4:2-18	Titus 1:1-16	Titus 2:1-15	Titus 3:1-15	1 Peter 1:1-12

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Warbler Festival planning in full swing – many volunteers still needed

Organizers of this year's Kirtland's Warbler Festival say they will need many volunteers to help work on the many events scheduled for Saturday, May 20 and urge those interested to contact them immediately.

"Birders," nature lovers, artists and art lovers, wildlife aficionados, and children of all ages from all over the United States and Canada are expected to return to the Kirtland Community College campus for the festivities.

They will come to celebrate the return of the rare and endangered Kirtland's Warbler from its winter home in the Bahamas to its nesting ground in the Jack Pine and AuSable River ecosystem in Northern Michigan.

Details are being finalized for this year's event which will include presentations by the Festival's Featured Artist – nationally-known, multi-talented, award-winning artist Heiner

Herting; Featured Photographer – wildlife photographer and tour guide Jim Battles; and Featured Presenters – the wacky and wonderful "Crittman" Denny Olson, and white-tailed deer expert, author John Ozoga.

Both Olson and wildlife rehabilitator Joe Rogers with his "birds of prey" will make several presentations at area schools in the week prior to the Festival.

Other confirmed activities include the Warbler Waffle & Pancake Breakfast, live entertainment throughout the day, AuSable Valley Fine Arts Exhibition, Kirtland's Warbler tours, canoeing/kayaking, juried wildlife arts and crafts show/sale, owl proofs, horse drawn wagon rides to the Red Pine Preserve, Dutch oven cooking, photo walk, conservation agency and organization booths, nature walks, fly fishing demonstrations, loon/eagle tours as well as presenta-

tions on Kirtland's Warblers, live bats, white-tailed deer, rocks and gems, bugs, turtles, wetlands wildlife, and more.

Back again this year will be more children's activities including a nature arts and crafts tent, a bug safari, birdhouse building, Cameron the Caterpillar, DNR Fire Prevention Van, and the popular fish pond. Additional activities are still being planned.

There is no admission fee for the Festival, however, this year there will be a \$2 per vehicle parking fee. The fee will provide additional revenue for the Festival and help control vehicle traffic on the campus. The Festival currently receives operation funds from Kirtland Community College, contributions from the Kirtland Community College Foundation and private foundations, businesses and individuals, and income from vendor booth fees and from the sale of some sou-

venir items.

The Festival is produced in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Consumers Energy Foundation, Kirtland Community College Foundation, Morley Foundation, Kirtland Community College, the COOR Math & Science Center, and volunteer residents in the communities of Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon counties.

Anyone interested in volunteering for any number of chores, tasks or activities are urged to leave a message by e-mail for Sandy Figley at figleys@kirtland.cc.mi.us, or by phone at (517) 275-5000, ext. 347. Jerry Werle at ext. 242 or Kathy Koch at ext. 253 may also be contacted.

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Farm Park to host national event

Word was received earlier this week by Wellington Farm Park that the Board of Directors of the Midwest Open-air Museums Coordinating Council (MOMCC) selected the Northern Michigan historic park as the site of their 2001 Fall Convention.

The MOMCC serves as the Midwestern affiliate of the Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums (ALFAM). Wellington Farm Park officials said they have gratefully

accepted the invitation to host the meeting of 200 to 300 museum administrators, curators and reenactors.

Wellington Farm Park has been active in both MOMCC and ALFAM activities since it opened in 1996.

Personnel from Wellington Farm Park have made presentations at previous conventions of both organizations.

Wellington Farm Park is a living history museum depicting life in

rural Midwest America during the time of the Great Depression. The park will open for the season May 27 and will operate until Halloween.

Currently, the park is accepting volunteers for the coming season at park administration offices on Military Road near Grayling.

Anyone wanting more information about the park is invited to call (888) OLD-FARM toll free or visit the website at www.wellington-farmpark.org.

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New Executive Director appointed at NCC



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Elizabeth Gertz has been appointed Executive Director of the North Central Council (NCC) of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association (MHA).

The NCC, located in Gaylord, is a regional council made up of 13 hospitals (including Mercy Health Services North in Grayling) and

health systems in the northern Lower Peninsula that provides a unifying voice and presence for the MHA and member hospitals.

Prior to joining the NCC, Gertz was the government relations specialist for Northern Michigan Regional Health System (1996-1999); a federal health policy consultant for Henry

Ford Health System (1994); and health care specialist for U.S. Sen. Donald Riegle, Jr. (1991-1994).

Gertz, a native of Traverse City, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from James Madison College of Michigan State University, and an Associate of Arts degree from Northwestern Michigan College.

CSI reaches major milestone

CSI Industrial Systems Corp., with headquarters located in Grayling, has been awarded company-wide ISO 9001 registration.

This registration includes the company's Royal Oak division, Total Design Service and their Fort Wayne, Indiana division, Concept Service International.

Also included to receive ISO 9001 registration under a separate certificate is their Emergency Apparatus division.

CSI employs over 100 people in Crawford, Otsego and surrounding counties with annual payrolls of several million dollars.

Their primary business is in the foundry, automotive and wood plant industries with customers that

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"The company-wide training process that started about two years ago included all CSI employees and has really changed the way we do business."

It places CSI at a new level of communication internally and with our customers," Patchin concluded.

Kirtland groups unite for recent blood drive

The Career and Employment Services Office and the Volunteer Action Center of Kirtland Community College, along with

The Roscommon County Unity of

the American Red Cross joined in a "volunteer effort" to assist with the Campus Blood Drive.

A total of 34 pints of blood was given by administrators, employees,

faculty and students.

Deb Lewis, the regional director for the Red Cross, indicated that a large number of individuals attempted to donate but were unable to do so because they were suffering from a cold or the flu.

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Foundation has \$100,000 in grants

The Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation has announced plans to make funds available to communities throughout northern Michigan that are striving to better the living conditions and health of their towns, villages and neighborhoods.

Called the Healthy Community Initiative, the program focuses on assisting communities to integrate present efforts for life-improvement into an organized, master plan supported by a common vision for all citizens.

The Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation is part of the Northern Regional Health System.

"This effort directly supports our mission to improve the health and quality of life of the communities through an effort like this," said Northern Michigan Regional Health System's president and CEO, Jeffrey T. Wendling.

"We're embracing the idea that health care is as much a social, moral, economic, educational and environmental issue as it is a medical one.

The way we see it, the only way to affect these other aspects of health care is to commit time and resources to communities and give the citizens a chance to determine what fits for them and how they want their healthy community to look," Wendling said.

Through the initiative, the Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation would make available grant money to local government, chambers of commerce and other health care providers or agencies interested in leading an effort in their community. Governments or others applying for a grant would be

required to meet approved guidelines and would also be given guidance on ways to effectively create a community vision. Grant funds could also be used to support practical aspects of bringing community members together by covering costs for things like meeting facility expenses, copying or printed materials and participation announcements among others.

Funding would also be awarded with a challenge for community members to match a percentage of the original grant with the hope of initiating community buy-in.

"We recognize that this is a new way of thinking for many community groups," said Lyn Jenks, President of the Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation.

"In many communities, there are numerous groups striving to better their neighborhoods and towns through many different avenues. Their goals are the same: improved life in the community. The problem is that the methods are fragmented.

"Civic groups, religious organizations, schools and governments, for whatever reason, do not communicate with one another or don't even know of one another's existence. The result is a slow-change process which may leave gaps in services or duplication of efforts," Jenks said.

One of the primary goals of the grants would be to bring together these diverse groups to focus on the needs of the community and how best to meet those needs through an organized, unified approach. Jenks hopes that the funds will be the catalyst for community groups to design a common vision for their communities that will result in

improved health, education, economic and environmental status for all residents.

"All communities have limited resources. Whether it is money, human resources or the resources necessary to bring together all the components of the community to form a common goal or vision. We're making these funds available to bring all of those parts together because we believe that a well-coordinated community-based effort is the only way to make a lasting impact on a community," Jenks commented.

In 1995, The Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation conducted a Community Health Assessment that targeted residents and communities throughout a 23-county service area in northern lower Michigan and the eastern half of the Upper Peninsula. The results of the study were a springboard for changes and initiatives that the Foundation has funded since that time.

The largest effort was the Community Health Education Center in Petoskey and its numerous outreach programs.

"The Foundation's Board of Trustees reviewed the study's findings and took them to heart. What the study showed was the desire of people to have programs in place that would address their health concerns and empower them to make positive changes in their lives. These grants are the next logical step in addressing the needs expressed in that health assessment," says Therese Green, Director of the Community Health Education Center.

The Center houses a health information library and offers numerous health-related classes to the public, many of which are free-of-charge. In 1999, the Community Health Education Center reached more than 30,000 people through classes, health screenings in schools and businesses, a mobile health unit and other various programs.

"We've gone from being a lending library and health information source to being an active partner in the community. We take our health and wellness programs and educational opportunities and integrate them with existing community-based programs. The result has been a collaboration that has changed people's circumstances for the better while involving them in the changes. We founded the Community Health Education Center with this goal and seeing it come to life is very rewarding," Green said.

The Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation expects to allocate \$100,000 in human and other resources to assist communities in the visioning process in 2000.

"This will mean putting additional resources where our heart is -- in our mission and ultimately in our communities. We know that locally, we will partner with the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Community Foundation to work toward a vision. In addition, groups in St. Ignace, Mancelona and Beaver Island are working on their unique needs," Jenks commented.

Community agencies, governments, citizen action groups and others interested in applying for grant funding should call Jenks at (231) 487-4845.



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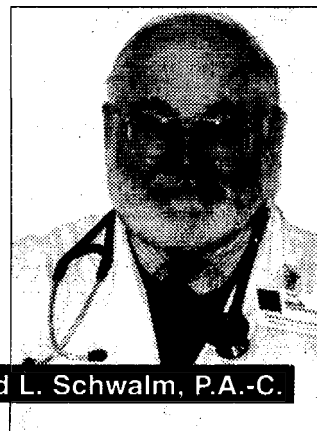
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OBITUARIES

Howard W. Johnson

Howard W. Johnson, 79, of Grayling, died February 14, 2000 at home.

Mr. Johnson was born April 4, 1920, the son of Watson Frank and Laura Alice (Allen) Johnson in Stuben County, New York. He married the former Ellora Bruce on June 21, 1944, in Greenwood, Mississippi.

He moved to the Grayling area 30 years ago.

Mr. Johnson was a retired auto industry repair shop owner in Bloomfield Hills. He was a life member of the Presbyterian Church of Northrup Hill, New York; the BPOE #810 of Pontiac and the American Legion Post #106 of Grayling.

From 1942 to December 1945, he served in the Army as a master sergeant in the Reconnaissance troop. In July, 1944, his 94th Division was sent to Europe to fight under General Patton to break the Battle of the Bulge. At this time the Division was called "Patton's Ghost Corps."

Mr. Johnson enjoyed snowmobiling, playing cards, working on cars, and spending time with his grandchildren. Mr. Johnson has many close friends throughout the U.S. stemming from his involvement in the Army.

Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Bruce Allen Johnson on September 21, 1998; and three brothers, Carl Johnson, Lyle Johnson and Harry Johnson.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Ellora Johnson; three daughters, Dona Johnson of Algonquin, Illinois, Estelle (Steve) Rumsey of Mequon, Wisconsin and Denise (Gregg) Deacon of Iowa City, Iowa; four grandchildren, Kelsey and Mallory Deacon and Nolan and Sabrina Rumsey; one sister, Alice McConnell of Arkport, New York; and two brothers, Ralph (Elaine) Johnson of Cameron Mills, New York and Forest Johnson of Addison, New York.

Memorial services will be held, Thursday, February 17 at 11 a.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home, with the members of the American Legion Post, Grayling officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to the time of the memorial service. Burial will be in the Fort Custer National Cemetery, Battle Creek.

A luncheon will be held at the American Legion Post following the service.

Memorial contributions should be made to Mercy Amicare Hospice, 125 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 or to the American Diabetic Association, 30600 Telegraph Road, Suite 2255, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4532.

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Timothy A. Love

Timothy A. Love, 38, of Frederic, died February 8, 2000 at home.

Mr. Love was born February 20, 1961, the son of Larry B. and Carolyn E. (Weaver) Love in Grayling.

He married the former Lori Bergey on January 27, 1991 at the Church of Christ in Frederic. He lived in Frederic most of his life where he was self-employed as a mechanic of Weaver's Repair Service.

He enjoyed building hot rod cars, collecting Hot Wheels and Schwinn bicycles. As a hobby, he enjoyed drawing the cars he was building.

Mr. Love is survived by his wife, Lori of Frederic; two sons, Scott A. Love and Jay B. Love, at home; mother, Carolyn E. Love of Frederic; mother-in-law, Isabell Bergey of Frederic; three sisters, Susan Bonamie of Grayling, Amy Love of Frederic and Dawn Barajas of Frederic; one brother, Michael Love of Frederic; grandparents, Dohn E. and Esther M. Weaver of Frederic.

He was preceded in death by his father, Larry B. Love.

Memorial services will be held, Saturday, February 19 at 11 a.m. at the Church of Christ in Frederic with Bishop Dohn E. Weaver officiating.

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GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The following 39 complaints were handled by the Grayling Police Department from February 6 through February 12:

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Marty is the son of Edwin Harris and the late Dorothy Harris. Jamie is the daughter of Brian and Kim Pratt all of Grayling.

The matron of honor and best man were Valerie Mertes and Gordon Hellebuyck.

Other attendants were Angela

Bindschatel and Ed Harris, Amanda Mertes and Brent Leas, Tina Hellebuyck and Edwin Harris, Michele Pratt and Michael Pratt, Sandra Woolsey and Everett Woolsey.

The junior bridesmaid and groomsmen were Rachel Harris and Ryan Harris. The flower girl and ring bearer were Kayla Harris and Keenan Harris.

The couple honeymooned at Mackinac Island and are now residing in the Grayling area.

MILITARY NEWS

Derek Quick, a junior at Grayling High School, enlisted in the National Guards on January 22 under the Split Training Option. He is assigned to the 1183rd Multiple Launch Rocket System Detachment at Camp Grayling.

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Quick qualified for the cash bonus of \$5,000, GI Bill of \$9,180 and the 50% tuition reimbursement program. He is the son of Emilee Perkins of Grayling.

Dusty Lohrer, son of Douglas and Judy Lohrer, recently enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training as a Fireman Apprentice.

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A member of the class of 2000 at Grayling High School, Lohrer will report for Basic Training at Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois in July 2000. Chief Petty Officer McKillop of the Navy Recruiting Station in Gaylord said that, after technical training he would be assigned to one of the Navy's ships, squadrons or duty stations located around the world.



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by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

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property inspection, five civil matter/family trouble, four suspicious situations;

One assault/intimidation/stalking, one assault and battery/simple assault, one bomb threat, two burglary/home invasion, one larceny, three property damage;

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Grand prize medallion found

Last two clues announced for this year's medallion hunt



Roxanne Brown (left), accompanied by her niece Danielle Harwood, found the grand prize medallion last Friday in a tree on the north side of Lewiston Grade Road between the two I-75 overpasses. Also on the scene (left to right) were Gale Miner, Jim McCredie, and Sue Ray. Brown worked with Sue Longendyke and Shelly Pinkelman on the clues this year, and the three decided to donate the grand prize (a family ski pass at Hanson Hills) to River House Shelter, to allow those at the shelter a chance to get outside and have fun.

Photo by Caleb Casey

Here they are, if you missed them, the last two clues for this year's medallion hunt:

21. "And now you know, what is the key, with landing on all the stones. Riverland Gear will get you

there, and with no broken bones. I-75 goes north and south, and this is a safe bet, that you did not know.

22. "Reach for the stars, as you would say, on Lewiston Grade so bold, and stop your car, when your

with greats, was also know as the big war, the war between the states."

22. "Reach for the stars, as you would say, on Lewiston Grade so bold, and stop your car, when your

between, the north and south I'm told. Which side won, you now should know, and that's where you will look, and with that clue, I now will close, this tired and big old book."

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for your week ahead: It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice! - Trini Lopez

Upcoming events at the Senior Center:

February 16 - Hearing Clinic - by appointment; COA Board meeting at 5:30 p.m.

February 17 - Lucky 7 Casino Trip leaving at 10:30 a.m. (NEW TIME!!). If you are going on the Casino trip, please park across the street by the former RSVP office.

February 18 - Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m.; Legal Help at 1:30

February 20 - Pancake Brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

February 21 - Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

February 22 - Trivia

February 24 - BP's taken from 11 a.m. - noon; Seminar on Type 2 Diabetes at 5:15 p.m.

February 27 - Potluck at 2 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and tableware. COA furnishes the meat for sandwiches.

Every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. many games are planned such as yahtzee, backgammon, cribbage, etc.

Meals are served at the Senior Center at noon and at 5 p.m.

Monday - Thursday: a noon meal is served on Friday. Please call for reservations at (517) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500 so that amounts can be planned, however, walk-ins are welcome.

Lunch/Dinner for February 2000:

16 - Beef Tips and Noodles/Liver and Onions

17 - Chicken and Dumplings/Italian Pork

18 - Home Pride Steak/no dinner.

21 - BBQ Chicken/Pork Stew

22 - Veal/Tuna and Noodles

23 - Breaded Chicken/Italian Round Steak

24 - Sweet and Sour Pork/Turkey with dressing

25 - Swiss Steak/no dinner

Special thought to leave you with: The future has several names. For the weak, it is impossible. For the fainthearted it is the unknown. For the thoughtful and valiant, it is the ideal. - Victor Hugo.

ARTS HONORS

Ferris State University

Rob Lawe of Grayling, a student in Ferris State's Ornamental Horticulture program, played the role of Steve in the University's production of "The Shadow Box."

In this Pulitzer and Tony Award winning play, three families struggle with the impending death of a

loved one. A team of interviewers interrogate both patients and caregivers as they face their particular situations and stages of denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance of death.

The play was held at Ferris State's William's Auditorium during the last week of January.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

New hours at the Frederic Community Library starting February 21 are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The new hours were requested and approved at the last Crawford County Library Board Meeting held at the Frederic Community Library on February 8.

Community members at the meeting felt the new hours would better serve their needs.

The Friends of the Library Book Sale was successful with approximately \$500 earned. Hardcover, paperbacks, computer odds and ends and purchase of the new book bags all contributed to the success of this fund raiser.

To join the Friends of the Library, call Shirley Schmoock 348-5132 or 348-9214 for more information.

The Crawford County Library is open Monday through Thursday from 10 am until 7 pm, Friday from 10 am until 6 pm and Saturday from 10 am until 2 pm.

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GHS ski team....3B

Winter Fun Days

Annual festival draws hundreds of people to a wide variety of events

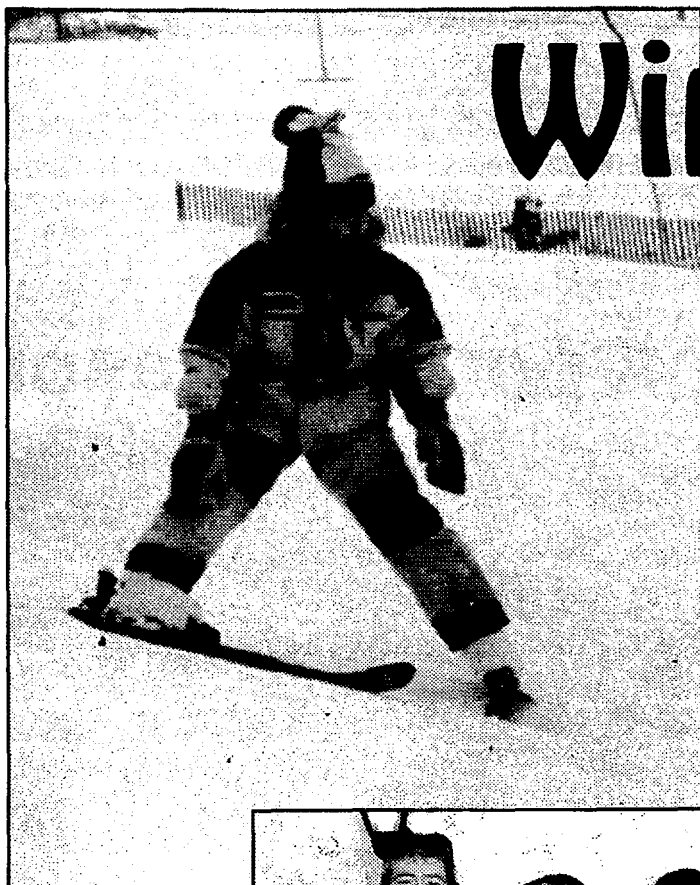
Winter Fun Days (formerly the Winter Wolf Festival) had a lot to offer this year, and hundreds of people participated in a wide range of events throughout the weekend's winter festival.

Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA), which organizes the festival, reported increases "in just about every event" over last year's turnout.

"It was a wonderful weekend," said GRA Director Cindy Olson. "I just think it was great."

GRA Program Director Jessica McClain added, "Lots of people outside of Hanson Hills really helped add to the event."

In addition to the numerous competitions at Hanson Hills, including the chili cook-off and downhill canoe race, the Icehouse hosted a quilt show, the snowmobile association put on a trail stop, and Frederic Elementary held a special soup sale, to name a few.



(Above) Skiers of all ages took part in the Citizens Bank Race Clinic. For this one, parents even joined in the racing.



(Above) Local snowboarders had an opportunity to show off their skills at Sunday's competition, part of the WFD festival. (Left) The teen dance at Hanson Hills drew a crowd.



This year's Winter Wolf Triathlon featured 22 participants, up significantly from last winter's turnout. The event involves canoeing, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing.

(Above) Winners of this year's triathlon (L to R): John Webb, Steve Seager, Bill Torongo, Samara Sabin, Fred Mills, Larry Kanaby, Joe Seifert, Brenda Carlson. Overall winners were Torongo (mens) and Carlson (womens). By division, the results were: Classic (male) - 1st Torongo, 2nd Webb, 3rd Kanaby; Classic (female) 1st Carlson, 2nd Sabin; Masters - Mills, Seager, Seifert; Fun Challenge - 1st Charlie Lannen.

(Left) Bob Smith competes in the ski portion, in which he took 1st.

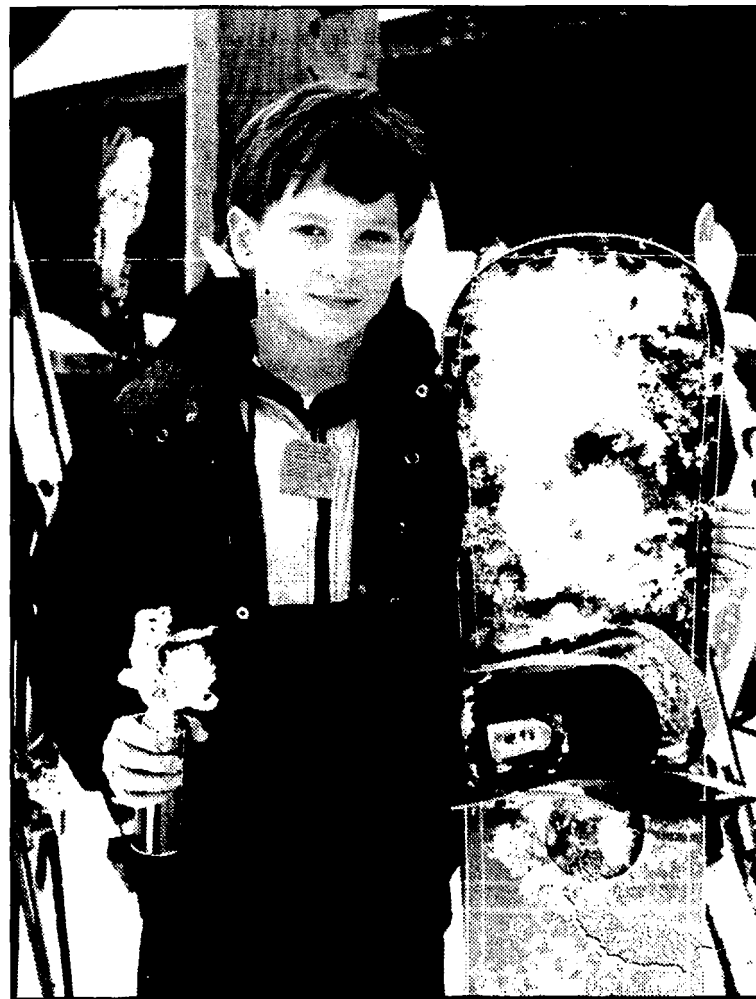


(Left) For \$1, Chili Cook-off patrons could cast a vote for their favorite chili. Grayrock Cafe won the event. Mercy Hospital took 2nd.



(Above, L to R) Jason Sajdak and Carl Isenhauer ("The Bunnyhill Banditz") celebrate their victory in the downhill canoe race. "Bailin Out," the team of Steve Peterson and Bob Butler, took 2nd. Fourteen canoes participated.

(For more results of Winter Fun Days events, please see Page 6B.)

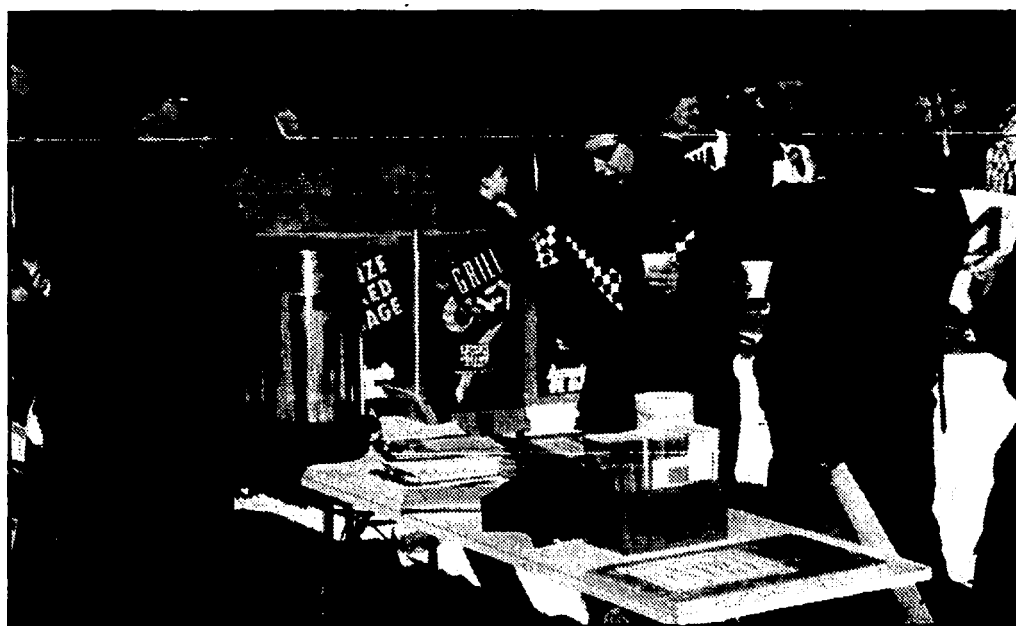


(Left) Justin Sheldon took a 1st place in the snowboard competition at Hanson Hills, winning the 12 and under freestyle division.

All of the snowboard contest winners, by division, are: Freestyle - (12 & under) 1st Sheldon, 2nd Alan Lehman, 3rd David Lawe; (13-14) 1st Erik Olson, 2nd Kyle Trudgeon, 3rd Brandon Jacobs; (15-16) 1st Nick McNamar, 2nd Travis Cummings, 3rd Robert Jewell; (17 & over) 1st Roy Reiglar, 2nd Jamie Padgett, 3rd Chris Jones. Boarder X - (17 & over) 1st Chip Mason, 2nd Jamie Padgett, 3rd Josh Bonamie; (15-16) 1st Nick McNamar, 2nd Robert Jewell; (13-14) 1st Kyle Trudgeon, 2nd Erik Olson, 3rd Chris Nelson.

Photos by Caleb Casey and Cindy Olson of GRA

AVSA's trail stop a big success



The AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA) hosted a trail stop last Saturday on the Blue Bear Connector, just off of County Road 612 about four miles west of Frederic. The event was coordinated to fall during Winter Fun Days as part of the festivities. The association had (free) grilled hot dogs, hot chocolate and coffee for any snowmobilers that wanted to stop. (Above) Trail stop organizer Doug Yaniello (left) talks snowmobiling with just a couple of those that stopped by. "It was a blast," Yaniello said. "Everybody I talked to liked it a lot. The amount of sleds that went through dwarfed the last one." The AVSA held a similar event near Hanson Hills in January, at which about 500 sleds stopped. This one at the Blue Bear Connector attracted about 800 sleds. For more on the event, see Page 6B.

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Vikings win Grayling Invitational

► GHS varsity volleyball takes 1st in tourney with 10 consecutive wins

The GHS varsity volleyball went 10-0 at the Subway Grayling Invitational meet this past Saturday, winning the tournament.

The Vikings played Charlevoix first, winning that series 2-0 with scores of 15-5 and 15-7.

Grayling then faced a much-improved Kingsley team in the squad's second match. The Vikings won the first game 15-3 in a dominating performance that was highlighted by excellent play from Brandy Ritter.

"She was exceptional for us," said

Coach Brian Banda. "She sees the floor so well and has the ability to dominate play with her quickness and athleticism."

The second game proved to be a difficult task for Grayling as Kingsley jumped out to a big lead, 10-3. Coach Banda exhausted his time-outs in an attempt to settle his team down. Grayling eventually took over the game, and won 15-13. Jenny Phillips took charge down the stretch to help secure the victory.

The third match of the day was against Harrison. The Vikings were looking forward to the match, since Harrison was the only team in their District they had not defeated. That all changed as Grayling beat Harrison 15-7, 15-11. Once again, Phillips dominated play in the match.

"She can do it all," said Coach Banda. "Mel Paxton also caught fire in this match to help secure the victory."

The semi-finals matched the Vikes against Beaverton. Grayling was able to defeat Beaverton in two games, 15-8 and 15-5. Mike Sumner played very well for Grayling, matching up against a powerful Beaverton attacker.

Grayling then entered the finals with confidence and determination. The Vikings quickly jumped out to a big lead against Harrison, and won game one 15-8. The second game proved to be more difficult as Harrison led 8-3. The Vikes held their composure and fought back to 8-6.

Harrison continued to play well, and increased the lead 11-8. Banda

called a time-out to talk things over.

"I just reminded them that they were capable of winning the game as long as they served and passed well. Hitting is never a problem with this team," Banda said.

The two teams exchanged a few points before the Vikings took over and dominated the rest of the game, winning 16-14 to claim the championship trophy before their home crowd.

Phillips, Paxton, and Sumner were named to the all-tournament team.

The Vikings have now won three tournaments and finished second once in a season that has brought success and recognition to the program.

Grayling is now 31-7-5 on the season.

7th grade team caps perfect season

► GMS squad wins HL Tournament to finish season at 11-0

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

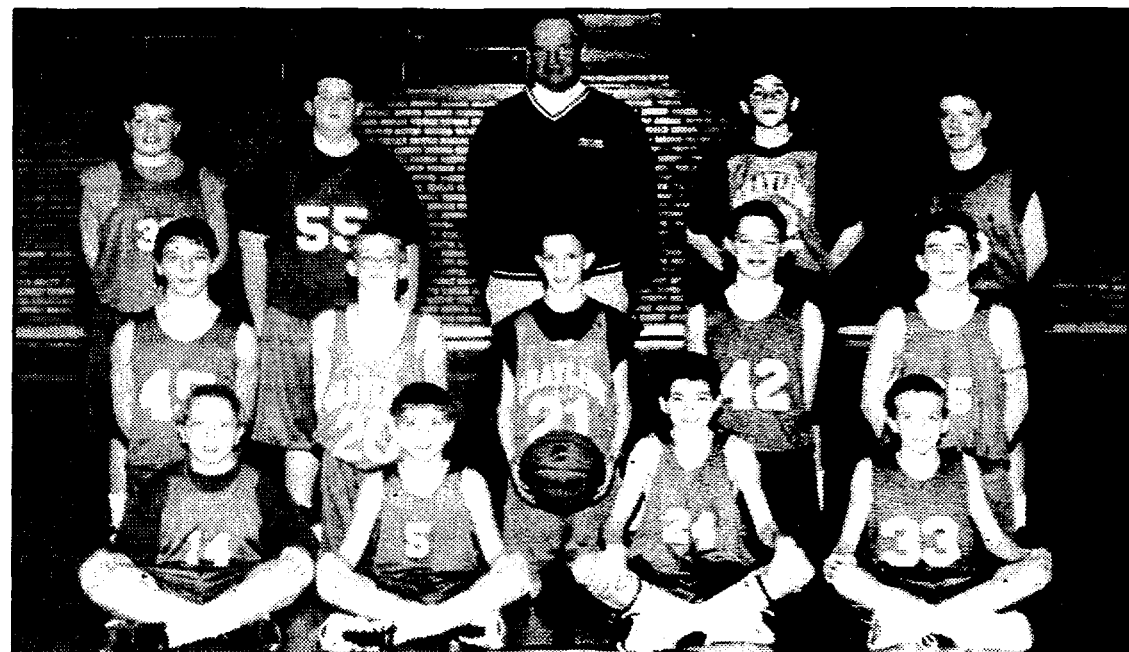
The Grayling Middle School 7th grade boys basketball (green) team capped a great season last week, winning the Houghton Lake Tournament and finishing the year with a perfect 11-0 record.

After a 9-0 regular season, the GMS Vikings put their unbeaten streak on the line in the end-of-the-season tourney.

In the first round, Grayling matched up against Roscommon. The Vikes beat the Bucks by 12 points, 41-29.

"With a combination of good defense and balanced scoring, the Vikings came out of the first round with a win," Coach Mark Hartman said. "Seven out of 13 (of our players) put points on the board."

Gib Tobin led the offensive effort with 11 points. Josh Hinkle scored eight, Ryan Schmidt hit for seven,



The 7th grade (green) team: (front, L to R) Adam Gilbert, James Gault, Ryan Schmidt, Gib Tobin. (middle) Doug Webb, T.J. Luke, Josh Hinkle, Ryan Davis, Ray Nichols. (back) Matt Swope, Travis Brush, Coach Mark Hartman, Jess Bobenmoyer, Nick Sala.

and Ryan Davis put in six. Jess Bobenmoyer, Matt Swope and Doug Webb also scored for GMS in the match.

The team played Houghton Lake last Wednesday in the tournament championship game. In an exciting match, the Vikings pulled out a two-point win, 27-25.

"This was the toughest game the team played all year," said Coach Hartman.

"Trailing by four in the fourth quarter, the Vikings squeaked out a thrilling two-point victory. The team played well and stepped up on defense when they needed it in the fourth," said Hartman.

Tobin was the GMS high scorer with 19 points. Schmidt scored eight.

The tournament championship game was the last match of the year for the 7th grade Vikings. The win

moved Grayling's final season record to 11-0.

"The team had a great season," said Coach Hartman. The Vikings had great support from parents and fans throughout the year, Hartman noted.

JV team beats Pinny by 22

Grayling's JV basketball team defeated the Pinconning Spartans by 22 points at Pinconning last Tuesday, 61-39.

"This was a very good team effort, especially defensively," said Coach Butch Hayes. "We put good team pressure on for most of the game. We played with a lot of intensity, especially in the third and fourth quarters."

R. J. Schmidt had a solid offensive game, tossing in 20 points for the Vikes. Ryan Swope added 10, and Larry Baynham scored eight.

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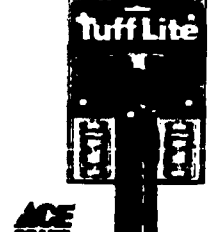
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Boys ski team unbeaten in dual meets

► Viking boys beat Roscommon, Mt. Pleasant to finish undefeated in league

The GHS boys ski team finished its second straight year of dual competition undefeated with wins over Mt. Pleasant and Roscommon last Thursday at Hanson Hills.

The boys team has a 20-point lead over Mt. Pleasant after defeating the Oilers in Grayling last week. Team scores for the meet were GHS 30-Mt. Pleasant 43, GHS 24-Roscommon 58.

Top skiers for the boys against MP were Matt Ginther (1st in giant

slalom) and Ray Trudgeon (1st in slalom). Ginther was 2nd in slalom and Trudgeon placed 7th in GS. Jason Boreo finished 3rd in slalom and 4th in GS. Paul Jansen placed 8th in slalom and 6th in GS. Derek Quick finished 6th and 11th, John Herrick was 10th in both events.

Against Roscommon, Ginther placed 1st in GS and 3rd in slalom, and Trudgeon took 2nd in slalom and 4th in GS. Boreo was 4th in slalom and 2nd in GS. Jansen placed 6th and 3rd, Quick was 5th and 8th, and Herrick took 7th in both events.

The girls team defeated Roscommon 31-41 but lost to Mt. Pleasant 51-28.

Top overall skier for GHS was Kelly Jansen, who placed 1st in both events against Rosco and 3rd in

slalom and 2nd in GS against Mt. Pleasant. Andria Alvarez was 2nd in both events against Roscommon and 5th in slalom and 4th in GS against MP. Andy Holzbauer placed 4th and 5th against RHS, and 8th and 9th versus MP.

"The young girls team has improved all year and results against league teams the second time around show that," said Coach Mike Wieland. "Kelly finished 6th and 5th against Mt. Pleasant the first time we raced them, and this time 3rd and 2nd. The other girls showed the same kind of improvement."

On Monday, February 7, the Vikings skied at Crystal Mountain in the Manistee Invitational. The girls placed 7th and the boys took 2nd. Participating teams included

Manistee, Benzie Central, Mt. Pleasant, Traverse City St. Francis, Suttons Bay, Clare and Farwell.

Top skier for the girls team was Kelly Jansen, placing 12th in slalom and 15th in GS. Holzbauer placed 24th and 33rd, Alvarez disqualified in slalom and placed 20th in GS, and Lesley Gilbert DQ'd in slalom and placed 37th in GS.

The boys were led by Boreo, who placed 10th in slalom and 13th in GS. Ginther was 14th in slalom and 16th in GS, Trudgeon finished 8th in slalom and 22nd in GS. Herrick was 12th in slalom, and Keil Clough was 30th in slalom. Paul Jansen placed 17th in GS and DQ'd in slalom.

The GHS ski teams will compete in Regionals at Crystal Mountain on Thursday, February 17.

Wrestling team finishes second in conference

► Three Vikings take 1st in NEMC with victories at the conference meet

The GHS wrestling team secured second place in the North East Michigan Conference last week, after taking second place in the NEMC meet this past Saturday. Grayling was 5-3 in the conference this season. First place Gladwin was 8-0, and Pinconning took third with a 5-2-1 record. (Several factors determine the conference championship, including placement at the NEMC tourney.)

Tawas hosted the conference meet, which included the wrestling squads from NEMC schools Gladwin, Bay City John Glenn, Standish Sterling, West Branch Ogemaw Heights, Oscoda, Saginaw Valley Lutheran, and

Tawas.

Gladwin won the conference meet title with 179 team points. Grayling was second with 144. Ogemaw Heights had 135.

Three Grayling wrestlers took first place in the conference in their weight classes: Josh Niederer (130), Larry Baker (152), and Victor CdeBaca (189).

Also earning medals for placing well in the conference were: Matt Evon (125), 2nd place; Marianne Vollmer (112), 3rd; Andy Palmer (119), 3rd; Chris Peters (171), 3rd; Marc Weaver (160), 4th.

In a home meet last Thursday, the Vikings beat both Mancelona and Onaway.

Team scores were Grayling 58-Mancelona 18, Grayling 43-Onaway 24.

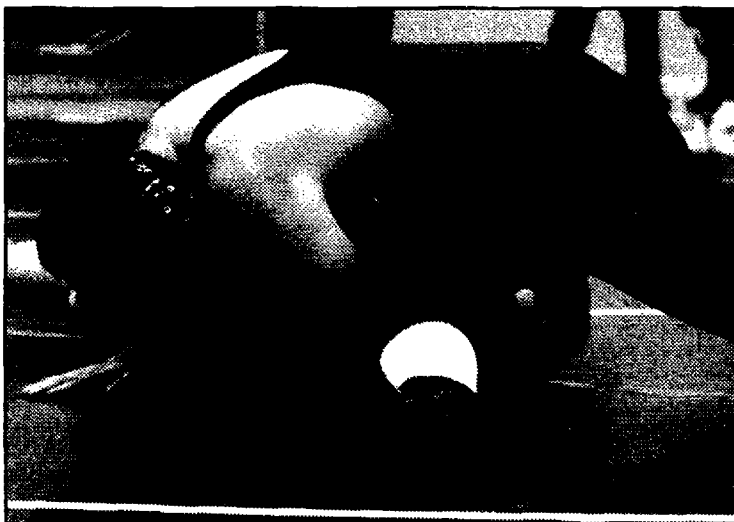
Earning team points for Grayling against Mancelona were: Vollmer (112), 6 points, bye; Palmer (119), 6, pin; Evon (125), 6, pin; Niederer

(130), 6, pin; Jesse Gildner (140), 6, bye; Ben Sartin (145), 6, bye; Baker (152), 6 pin; Weaver (160), 6, bye; Peters (171), 6, bye; CdeBaca (189), 3, 17-6 decision.

Against Onaway, the following GHS wrestlers won points: Vollmer, 5, 17-2 decision; Palmer, 6, bye; Evon, 6, bye; Niederer, 5, 16-0 deci-

sion; Gildner, 6, bye; Baker, 3, 6-4 decision; Peters, 6, pin; CdeBaca, 6 pin.

The wrestling team will compete in Team Districts on Wednesday, February 16, at Reed City. On Saturday, February 19, the GHS wrestlers will head to Reed City for Individual Districts.



Grayling's Victor CdeBaca smothering an opponent. CdeBaca took first in the NEMC in his weight division by winning at the Conference Meet on Saturday.

Varsity Vikings win two conference matches

► GHS defeats Pinny and Saginaw to move to 9-7

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS varsity basketball team won two conference games on the road last week, beating Pinconning 65-50 and Saginaw Valley Lutheran 79-74.

The Vikings finished strong against Pinny last Tuesday, stepping up on both ends of the court.

"Our kids played with a lot of heart and hustle," said Coach Rich Moffit. "We were down by seven in the third quarter and our kids picked it up at the defensive end of the court and went on a 37-15 run."

Grayling had 14 steals in the game, and 17 deflections. Out of Grayling's 14 turnovers, only five came in the second half.

On offense, Dave Hawkins led the way with 19 points. Eli Tobin scored 17. Hawkins and Tobin also led the GHS team in rebounding with five boards apiece. Tobin led the squad in steals with six, and Brad Gorski led the assists column with six.

Last Friday, the Vikings beat

Saginaw Valley by five points, 79-74.

"Our kids played with a lot of character throughout the game," Moffit said. "Eli had one of his best offensive games."

Tobin had 28 points in the match. Hawkins also had a good night, scoring 26. Levi Burkett scored 13 points.

The team is now 9-7, and the District Tournament (and March Madness) is just a few weeks away.

"If we are going to be good at the end of the year, we need to keep working hard in practice and on the court," Moffit said.

The team will head to Oscoda this Friday. Grayling will host the Roscommon Bucks on Tuesday, February 29.



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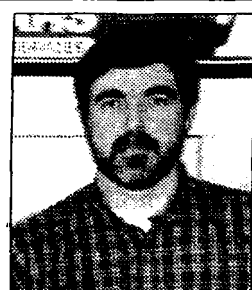
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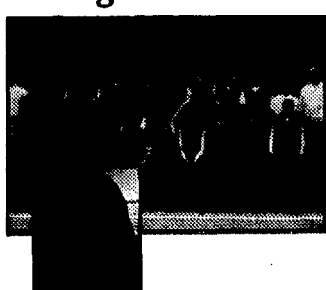
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Coach: Mike Wieland
**THE BOYS TEAM &
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The boys team finished its 2nd straight season undefeated in dual meets. Kelly was the top girls team skier last week, placing 1st in both events against Roscommon and 2nd and 3rd against Mt. Pleasant.

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BOWLING LEAGUE

American Men's

Forrest Brothers 31 - 11
Stake-Out Steak House..... 25 - 17
Moore's Automotive..... 22 - 20
Helsel Forest Products..... 22 - 20
Fenton's Auto Service..... 19 - 23
McLeans ACE..... 18 - 24
CSI Ind. Systems..... 18 - 24
Upper Lakes Tire..... 13 - 29
High Game: J. Helsel, 234; L. Helsel, 226; Lar. Davis, 219; P. Faustman, 219.
High Series: P. Faustman, 598; D. Canfield, 587; Lar. Davis, 586.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Aunt Bettys 18.5 - 9.5
Sledheads of Frederic 16 - 12
Charles Country Corner 15 - 13
R. Calkins & Sons..... 14 - 14
Moshier Auto Repair 11.5 - 16.5
Fick & Sons 9 - 19
High Game Men: M. Campbell, 202; D. Wallace, 188; B. Trudeau, 186. High Series Men: M. Campbell, 564; D. Wallace, 514; B. Trudeau, 511. High Game Women: S. Sumner, 231; D. Medina, 189; K. Trudeau, 189. High Series Women: S. Sumner, 571; K. Trudeau, 547; B. Lozon, 511.

National First

Faustman's Insurance..... 31 - 11
Forest Brothers 28 - 14
Swamp II 24 - 18

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Sawmill II 145
Spikes 135
Frederic Inn 115
Swamp 107
Plaza 102
Sawmill I 97
Legion 88
Won all 6 games: Vickie P. and Rene S. of Spikes; 5 Ball Runs: Michelle P. of Frederic Inn; Vickie P. of Spikes; Michelle S. of Plaza; 6 Ball Runs: Dee K. of Spikes; Rene S. of Spikes.

Men's Standings

Margretheville I 59 - 31
Margretheville II 47 - 43
Plaza 47 - 43
Gray Rock 47 - 61
Frederic Inn 45 - 45
Legion 42 - 48
Saw Mill 37 - 53
8 Ball on Break: Scott of Legion.
8 Ball Run: John (2) of Margretheville II. 6 Ball Run: Chris of Plaza. Won All Games: Scott and John of Margretheville II; Mike and Kurt of Margretheville II.

Guns & Grubs 20.5 - 21.5
Hellebuyck Masonry..... 20 - 22
Northern WhiteTail 20 - 22
Century 21 14.5 - 27.5
Grayling Ford 10 - 32
High Game: T. Kotrash, 244; J. Thayer, 227; B. Zadorsky, 225.
High Series: J. Thayer, 597; M. Smith, 595; P. Downing, 589.

Northwood

American Legion 18 - 6
R. Calkins & Sons 16 - 8
Shady Acres Party Store 16 - 8
Rochettes 15 - 9
R & M Masonry 10 - 14
Pro Tree 9 - 15
Darrell's Roofing 7 - 17
Red Barn 5 - 19
High Game: H. Larm, 242; D. Roman, 214; S. Sumner, 202.
High Series: S. Sumner, 564; H. Larm, 531; K. Trudeau, 529.

Pioneer

Chemical Bank 21 - 3
Custom Interior 16 - 8
Ginger's 16 - 8
Aunt Betty's 13 - 11
Millikins 10 - 14
Lady Slippers 8 - 16
Avalanche 8 - 16
Lucky Strikers 4 - 20
High Game: J. Hinds, 197; S. Sumner, 197; L. Golnick, 196.
High Series: J. Hinds, 544; L.

Golnick, 540; C. Jones, 529.

Recreation

Mickey Perez CPA 17 - 7
Glen's Market 15 - 9
Mark 8 15 - 9
Scheer Motors 13 - 11
Tri★County Meats 13 - 11
Gray Rock Café 12 - 12
Peterson Saw Service 6 - 18
Cornell 5 - 19
High Game: J. Strachan, 208; S. Morse, 191; P. Terry, 189.
High Series: S. Morse, 531; L. Dellar, 508; B. Wheeler, 508.

Senior

Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us 58 - 26
Sylvester Sports 49 - 35
Friends & Co 46.5 - 37.5
Baynham Wood Prod 42.5 - 41.5
Tri★County Meats 39.5 - 44.5
Flowers By Josie 35.5 - 48.5
Buccillis Pizza 35 - 49
Cornell Realty 30 - 54
High Game Men: A. J. Hall, 193; P. Mead, 186; H. Ingram, 183.
High Series Men: D. Germain, 515; P. Mead, 495; K. Harris, 488; H. Ingram, 488. High Game Women: V. Westover, 185; P. Harris, 184; J. Miller, 167.

High Series Women: V. Westover, 524; P. Harris, 504; J. Miller, 453.

Sunday Night Mixed

Wakeley's Auto Parts 22.5 - 13.5
Sylvesters 22 - 14
Waste Management 21 - 15
McDonald's of Gaylord 20.5 - 15.5
R & M Masonry 17 - 19
McDonald's of Gaylord #2 16 - 20
Custom Interior 15 - 21
Citgo 10 - 26
High Game Men: J. Helsel, 246; S. Miller, 223; J. Dannenberg, 220.
High Series Men: J. Helsel, 669; S. Miller, 573; J. Elekonich, 564.
High Game Women: L. Dannenberg, 196; M. Starks, 192; M. Miller, 175.
High Series Women: L. Dannenberg, 513; S. Romain, 505; M. Miller, 460.

Triangle

McDonald's 21.5 - 10.5
Tri★County Meats 19 - 13
Moshier Auto 18.5 - 13.5
Gray Rock Café 18 - 14
Johnson 15 - 17
High Game: M. Sumner, 212; L. Johnson Jr., 192; T. Williams, 186.
High Series: M. Sumner, 573; T. Williams, 488; R. Schreiber, 486.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

WEEK #12 RESULTS:

Game #1 Lange Vending 77 - Glen's Market 70
Lange's - Longendyke 20, Donahoe 18, Harland 13, LaForest 12, Flowers 11.
Glen's - C. Derenzy 18, White 15, Grant 14, Northrup 11.
Game #2 Thermogas 85 - Charlie's 62
Thermogas - Williams 31, Patterson 28, Church Jr. 19.
Charlie's - Ed Baynham 26, Madsen 14, Anderson 12.
Game #3 Sawmill 85 - Spikes 58
Sawmill - Maxom 35, Doremire 19, Dent 12.

Spikes - Krey 21, Davis 17.

Game #4 Holiday Inn 71 - Margretheville 60
Holiday Inn - Mertes 27, Mead 14, Nielson 13.
Margretheville - Trenary 22, Cragg 16, Hull 10.

Standings After Week #12

Sawmill 11 - 0
Lange Vending 9 - 2
Thermogas 8 - 3
Holiday Inn 5 - 6
Spikes 4 - 7
Margretheville 4 - 7
Glen's Market 2 - 9
Charlie's Plumbing 1 - 10

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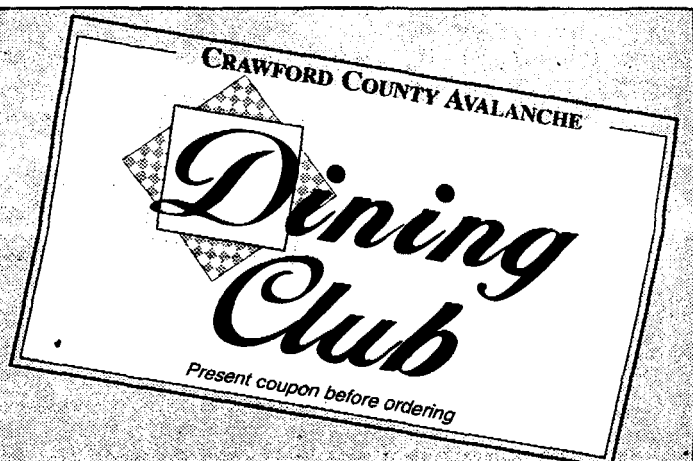
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AVSA's trail stop a big success



(Left) A few of the snowmobilers that stopped at the AVSA's trail stop last Saturday gather by the association's grooming tractor. The AVSA had both of their groomers on hand for people to check out, and had a bonfire to warm up by, in addition to having free food and hot beverages. (Below) Snowmobile sleds move into the trail stop from the Blue Bear Connector, an AVSA-maintained trail.



(Left) Ken Riehle, AVSA past president, serves hot dogs. "The board members did an excellent job, they helped a lot," said Doug Yanietto, AVSA member and event organizer. "Without them, this wouldn't have happened."

Photos by Caleb Casey



Winter Fun Days offers a variety of events

(Continued from Page 1B)
Results of other Winter Fun Days events included:

• **First Annual Frederic Empty Bowls Benefit:** The event, held at Frederic Elementary, brought in 80 people and raised \$230, half of which will go to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center. The other half will go to benefit the Frederic Elementary emergency fund for families in crisis. (Note: Many pieces of original clay art are still available for sale. Contact FES at 348-7641 for more details.)

• **Business Olympics:** Crown Jewelers won the Business Olympics for the second year in a row. Teams from Kentucky Fried Chicken took second and third places.

• **The Medallion Hunt:** Small medallions were found by: Danielle Harwood (Blockbuster Video), Mike Myers (Davis Jewelry), Joan Verville (Upper Lakes Tire), Sue Ray (J. Dap Co.), Ken and Dawn Miner (Holiday Inn), Joe Myers (Cartwright and Danewell), Roxanne Brown (Bucilli's Pizza), Jamie Pinkelman (Sears), and Sue

Longendyke (7-11).

The big medallion was found by the team of Roxanne Brown, Shelly Pinkelman and Sue Longendyke, who donated the prize to River House Shelter.

• **Chili Cook-off:** Grayrock Cafe won the event. Mercy Hospital teams tied for second, and Holiday Inn took third. Other participating teams included Tri-county Meats, Hanson Hills, Spikes Keg O Nails, and Shoppenagon's Inn.

• **Citizens Bank Youth Ski Racing Clinic:** The temperatures were mild and the snow conditions

were great for week #5 of the Citizens Bank Hanson Hills race clinic held this past Sunday. A few high school students and parents joined in the fun on Sunday as part of the Hanson Hills Winter Fun Days festival.

Shannon Scott was the 1st place finisher for the pre-school and kindergarten girls group. Bradley Briggs finished 1st for the boys, Zach Mech was 2nd. Mellisa Kalonich was the top skier for the 1st and 2nd grade girls. Alex Sloan led the boys group.

Gabby Calkins proved to be the fastest skier for the 3rd and 4th grade girls, Rachel Doremire 2nd, Avery Diola 3rd, and Jessi Riddle was 4th. Josh Scott won the 3rd and 4th grade boys division, Chas Sloan was 2nd. Jill Seager continued her winning streak for the 5th and 6th grade girls. Ashley Jurkovich took 2nd. Cody Diola led the way for the boys, followed by Paul Brown in 2nd, A.J. Brackenbury 3rd, and Jim Hilbrecht 4th.

Allison Diola took 1st in a very competitive 7th and 8th grade girls division. Jodi Riddle was 2nd, Beth Lucey 3rd, and Mandy Scott 4th.

Trevor Clough stepped up to lead the 7th and 8th grade boys. Greg Kalonich was 2nd, Pat McNally 3rd, Jimmy Jansen 4th, and Ben Lucey 5th.



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LEGAL ACTION

ELECTION NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
TO THE ELECTORS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN
TO BE HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2000**

To the qualified electors of Crawford County notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary Election will be held Tuesday, February 22, 2000 for the purpose of nominating Republican, Democratic and Reform Party candidates for the President of the United States.

The polls of said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2000.

Voting Precincts:

- 101 Beaver Creek Twp. Office, 8992 S. Oak Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653
- 201 Frederic Twp. Library, Old 27 N., Frederic, MI 49733
- 301 Grayling Twp. Office, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738
- 302 Grayling Twp. Office, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738
- 303 Grayling Twp. Office, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738
- 304 Grayling Twp. Office, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738
- 401 Lovells Twp. Office, 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Frederic, MI 49733
- 501 Maple Forest Twp. Office, 8802 N. Peterson Rd., Grayling, MI 39738
- 601 South Branch Twp. Office, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653
- 701 Grayling City Office, 500 Spruce St., Grayling, MI 49738

Note: City Residents - Voting will take place at the Grayling Middle School.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

DEFAULT having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Robert Near and Victoria Near, Husband and Wife, of Roscommon, Michigan (Mortgagors) AAA Mortgage and Financial Corporation (Mortgagee) dated February 12, 1996, and recorded February 16, 1996, in Liber 407, Page 340, Crawford County Records, and was assigned by an assignment to Beneficial Michigan, Inc., dated February 20, 1996 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on February 28, 1997 in Liber 425, Page 615, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of \$44,770.44 including interest at the rate of 12.250% per annum together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of March, 2000 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., the undersigned will: at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan foreclose said mortgage by selling at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amounts due on said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys' fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

Being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of same; thence Easterly on the 1/8-line, 500.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing Easterly 330.00 feet; thence Southerly parallel with the West line of said Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4, 330.00 feet; thence

Westerly, 330.00 feet; thence Northerly, 330.00 feet to the point of beginning. Together with and subject to a non-exclusive 33.00 foot wide access easement for ingress and egress over the Westerly 500.00 feet of the Northerly 33.00 feet and over the Westerly 33.00 feet of said Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

Tax ID #062-027-003-020-00
The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty days from the date of such sale.

DATED: January 19, 2000
Mortgagee
Beneficial Michigan, Inc.
Richard L. McDonnell (P38788)
Attorney for Mortgagee
500 N. Woodward Avenue, Suite 300
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304-2964
(248) 540-7500

-27-3-10-17-24

STATE OF MICHIGAN CRAWFORD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT Grayling Township,
A municipal corporation,
Plaintiff
v. File No: 99-4963-CH
Gary Holey, Defendant
Monte J. Burmeister P48732

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2000 at 7 p.m. for the purpose of hearing public comment on the establishment of a special assessment district to pay for upgrades to Old Lake Road from M-72 to M-93. The public hearing will be held in the Grayling Township meeting room at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738. If you have any questions concerning the content of the special assessment proposal, please direct all inquiries to: Terry Wright, Grayling Township Supervisor at the above address, or phone (517) 348-4361 during normal business hours.

Grayling Township Board of Trustees
Terry Wright, Supervisor

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NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 7, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2000 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 13, 2000 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 15, 2000 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8994 S. Oak Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	TENTATIVE FACTOR
Agricultural	45.66	1.0950
Commercial	48.45	1.0319
Industrial	49.99	1.0000
Residential	46.69	1.0708

Lee Riley
Township Supervisor

-17-24-2

The Law Office of Monte J. Burmeister, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
306 State St., P.O. Box 585
Grayling, MI 49738
517-348-7114
Order For Service By Publication
At a session of said Court held on January 20, 2000 in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan. Present: Honorable Alton T. Davis P-24472

This matter having come before the Court on the Plaintiff's Motion for Service by Publication, the Court having considered the same, and being fully apprised in the premises,

Now Therefore, It Is Ordered:
Plaintiff's motion for Service by publication is granted. This Order shall be printed in its entirety in the Crawford County Avalanche, once each week, for a period of three weeks.

To the Defendant, Please Take Notice:
A complaint for Injunctive relief has been initiated against you by Grayling Township. The parties to the action are Grayling Township, as Plaintiff, and Gary Holey, as Defendant. The complaint was filed in the Crawford County Circuit Court, and has been given file #99-4963-CH. The complaint filed seeks injunctive relief and monetary damages for the continued violation of the Grayling Township Ordinance 92-3, which prohibits the accumulation of junk and inoperable vehicles on the property concerned.

You are required to file an answer, or take other action permitted by law or court rule, within 28 days after the last Crawford County Avalanche publication is made as provided for in this Order. Your answer may be filed with the Crawford County Circuit Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

If you fail to answer an answer, or take other action as permitted by law or Court rule within 28 days after the last Crawford County Avalanche publication is made as provided for in this Order, you may be held in default, and a default Judgment may be entered against you granting relief to the Plaintiff in multiple forms, including but not limited to, monetary damages.

Plaintiff shall also send a copy of this Order to the three addresses previously attempted for service by certified mail, restricted delivery, before the last publication identified in this Order. A copy shall also be posted on the subject realty.

So Ordered: Honorable Alton T. Davis
1/20/00

-3-10-17

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lisa M. Hoag, a single woman, Mortgagor to Associates Housing Finance, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Mortgagee, dated February 3, 1999 and recorded on March 16, 1999 in Liber 477 on page 39, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to N/A by an assignment dated N/A and recorded on N/A in Liber N/A on page N/A County Records, Michigan, N/A on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Eighty-Seven and 14/100 Dollars (\$79,087.14) including interest at 9.50 % per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door to the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on March 22, 2000.

Said premises are situated in Roscommon, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:
Parcel C; That part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section; thence S00°17'37"E, along the East line of said Section and centerline of Leline Road, 632.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing S00°17'37"E along said Section line and said centerline, 347.30 feet; thence N89°17'45"W, 1328.15 feet to the East 1/8 line of said Section; thence N00°20'25"W, along said 1/8 line, 221.14 feet to the centerline of Hickey Creek Road; thence N84°32'05"E, along said centerline, 141.05 feet; thence

N55°33'57"E along said centerline, 192.83 feet; thence S89°17'45"E, 1028.21 feet to the point of beginning, and all improvements thereon, including a 1999 Dutch-Duchess Limited 28 x 64 Manufactured Housing Unit, Vehicle Identification No. 22752E.

Tax Number: 20-062-027-001-020
Property Address: 10192 Leline Road, Roscommon, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined

abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: January 28, 2000
Associates Housing Finance, LLC

P.O. Box 32965
Knoxville, TN 37930-2965 - Mortgagee
Richard A. Green - Attorney
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 444
Bingham Farms, Michigan, 48025
(248) 540-7665

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DOG LICENSE NOTICE

Attention Dog Owners
Beginning March 15, 2000
The fees for male or female dogs will change from \$10.00 to \$20.00
Fees for spayed or neutered dogs will change from \$6.00 to \$12.00

Licenses may be purchased from the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Crawford County Animal Shelter or the Crawford County Treasurer's Office.

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NEW MAILING ADDRESS THE CITY OF GRAYLING AS OF 02-01-2000

CITY OF GRAYLING
5688 M-72 WEST
P.O. BOX 549
GRAYLING, MI 49738

PHONE # 517-348-2131 •

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County
Lewiston Grade Road
Over the E. Br. AuSable River
Contract #2, Furnishing of Materials
Crawford County, Michigan

The Road Commission for Crawford County will accept sealed bids at the Road Commission office, 500 Huron, Grayling, Michigan 49738-0648, until 10:00 a.m. local time, March 2, 2000. (Bid opening will be during the regular meeting) for furnishing bridge timber and hardware materials.

The project includes replacement of the existing bridge over the AuSable River. The contract consists of: furnishing all bridge timber and hardware necessary for the construction of the proposed bridge superstructure. All materials are required to be shipped to the project site.

The instructions to bidders and the drawings and specifications may be examined at the Road Commission for Crawford County office and also at the office of the engineer, Northwest Design Group, Inc., 480 W. Mitchell, Petoskey, Michigan 49770. Bidding documents may be purchased from the engineer for the non-refundable fee of \$25.00 per set.

Bids must be made upon the appropriate bidding forms. All bids must be plainly marked as to their content. A five percent (5.0%) bid security must accompany each bid.

No bid may be withdrawn for 60 days after the bid opening date.

The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects in bids, and to accept bids and make awards in any manner deemed in its own best interest.

The Road Commission for Crawford County
Mr. Donald Babcock, Manager

-10-17-24

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, March 2, 2000 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following material:

23-A Crushed Gravel

Gravel to be made to current M.D.O.T. specifications. Contractor will be required to furnish clay or any material deemed necessary to accommodate the specifications. Cost of furnishing these materials shall be incidental to gravel production. Material shall be produced and stockpiled at the following location on or before May 15, 2000:

10,000 Cyd produced and stockpiled within the proximity of T25N, R3W, Beaver Creek Township.

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as "23A Gravel Bid".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to add or delete quantities, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
Tom Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County
Lewiston Grade Road
Over the E. Br. AuSable River
Contract #1, Demolition and Substructure Construction
Crawford County, Michigan

The Road Commission for Crawford County will accept sealed bids at the Road Commission office, 500 Huron, Grayling, Michigan 49738-0648, until 10:00 a.m. local time, March 2, 2000. (Bid opening at the regular meeting) for bridge demolition and site and foundation construction services.

The project includes replacement of the existing bridge over the AuSable River. The contract consists of: removal of the existing bridge; foundation and channel excavation; furnishing and driving treated timber piles; furnishing and construction of substructure; foundation underdrains and structure backfill; riprap; traffic control and other miscellaneous items.

The instructions to bidders and the drawings and specifications may be examined at the Road Commission for Crawford County office and also at the office of the engineer, Northwest Design Group, Inc., 480 W. Mitchell, Petoskey, Michigan 49770. Bidding documents may be purchased from the engineer for the non-refundable fee of \$35.00 per set.

Bids must be made upon the appropriate bidding forms. All bids must be plainly marked as to their content. A five percent (5.0%) bid security must accompany each bid.

The bidder to whom a contract is awarded will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and material payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract amount.

No bid may be withdrawn for 30 days after the bid opening date.

The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects in bids, and to accept bids and make awards in any manner deemed in its own best interest.

The Road Commission for Crawford County
Mr. Donald Babcock, Manager

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HEART OF THE NORTH CITY OF GRAYLING 103 S. JAMES STREET GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

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GRAYLING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS CALENDAR YEAR 2000

JANUARY	10 31	GRAYLING CITY HALL AT 7:30 PM GRAYLING MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 7:30 PM
FEBRUARY	14 28	GRAYLING MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 7:30 PM GRAYLING MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 7:30 PM
MARCH	13 27	GRAYLING MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 7:30 PM GRAY.ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT 7:30 PM
APRIL	10 24	GRAYLING MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 7:30 PM GRAYLING MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 7:30 PM
MAY	08 22	GRAYLING MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 7:30 PM GRAYLING MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 7:30 PM
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NOVEMBER	13 27	GRAYLING MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 7:30 PM GRAYLING MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 7:30 PM
DECEMBER	11	GRAYLING MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 7:30 PM

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FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of February 20-26

Aries March 21-April 20

Look for a travel opportunity this week. It may turn out to be the chance you've been waiting for. Keep in mind it's never too late to make a change for the better. It's important you don't let someone's attitude affect your plans!

Taurus April 21-May 21

Don't let the moods of others bring you down. Your job and personal life have been going too well for you to get caught up in the doldrums now. Instead, look to an old friend for support and a better outlook on life.

Gemini May 22-June 21

Consider putting some distance between you and someone close to you. Not seeing eye-to-eye on a couple matters may put a strain on your relationship. It's a great week to start thinking about a summer vacation destination.

Cancer June 22-July 22

You may have to depend on the moral support of a close relative this week when relationships and plans don't go your way. With that in mind, it may be better for you to stay clear of making any vital life-altering decisions.

Leo July 23-August 23

A short break from a sticky family situation is just what the doctor ordered. A weekend getaway, as soon as possible, could give you new insight into the problem, and it may even give you some ideas for solving it peacefully.

Virgo August 24-September 22

Don't expect a lot of good from the coming workweek. With business going as it is, there won't be a letup on demands from superiors for a while. Just try hard not to let it get you down. Heed the advice of a casual acquaintance.

Libra September 23-October 23

Your plans may move forward with a financial boost from an unexpected source. You will need to stay alert when it comes to investing any money. A close family member will probably need your help by the end of the week.

Scorpio October 24-November 22

Romance is in the air...from a very unlikely source. It's OK to show a little excitement. However, out of respect, steer clear of a coworker who's been burned recently. It won't help your career going to a meeting unprepared.

Sagittarius November 23-December 21

Some well-thought-out plans may get blown. Don't take it out on a close friend or your partner. Fault does not lie with any one person. Take a breather, then get started on new plans. Lend your support to a coworker.

Capricorn December 22-January 20

Unexpected correspondence may cause a problem for you by week's end. The truth will be the best approach. A cover-up will only cause the wound to fester and other problems to surface quickly. Consider a professional's advice.

Aquarius January 21-February 18

Your home improvement plans should take a back seat for the next couple weeks. It's time for a reality check before it's too late. Someone you thought would be a good adviser is not. Don't get in too deep before you turn around.

Pisces February 19-March 20

Work matters need your undivided attention for the next couple weeks. That means someone may start to feel neglected. It's time you had it out about the matter. You need to resolve the problem and misunderstandings now.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Cheesy Wontons with Sweet & Sour Dip

Makes 12 servings

Prep time: 30 minutes

Cook time: 16-18 minutes

12 oz. (3 to 4 cups) cheese, cut into 3/4" cubes

24 square wonton wrappers

3-4 cups vegetable oil

1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened

1/3 cup bottled sweet-sour sauce

Place 1 cube of cheese in middle of wonton wrapper.

Fold in half to form a triangle, sealing edges with water. Fold remaining 2

edges together and seal. Repeat with remaining cheese and wrappers.

Heat oil in deep skillet to 375°F.

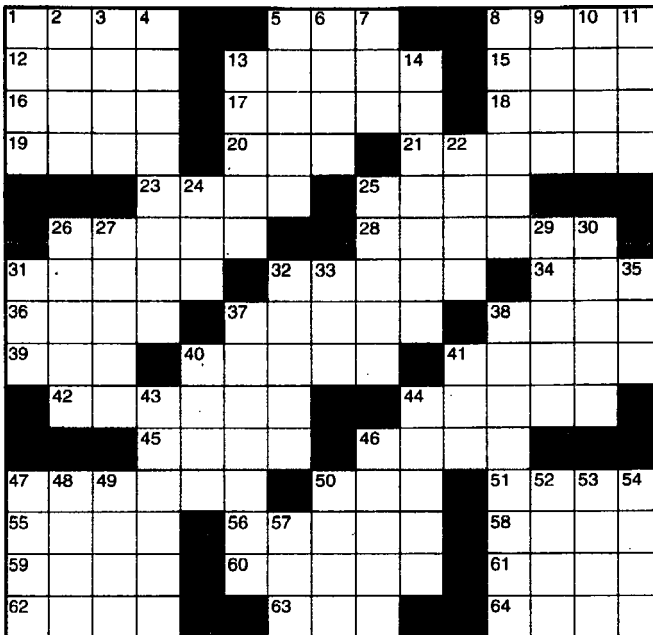
Fry wontons 6 to 8 at a time until golden brown, about 4 minutes. Drain on paper towel.

For dip, combine cream cheese and sweet-sour sauce in small bowl until smooth. Serve wontons with sauce for dipping.



HOME NEEDED - Male German Shorthair Pointer. 6 months old. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Grassy place
- Luggage identifier
- Ralph Lauren's line
- As to
- "Spicy" musical style
- Estrada of CHIPS
- Twist
- Grace (Atwood novel)
- Eye maliciously
- Cinematographers' swiftness
- Golf ball's launching pad
- "Little Miss Muffet" (3 wds.)
- Pointers
- Golden, for one
- Actress Joey Lauren
- Deteriorates
- Sparkling
- Fracas
- Sty denizen
- Like out of hell (2 wds.)
- Spanish melodies
- Laos's locale
- First name in Wolfmen
- Award funds
- Sample bottles
- Candidate's promise
- Magdalene and Poppins

- Kirghiz range
- Drink thirstily
- Weather word
- Saucepan
- The of the White Worm (1988 film)
- Sound like a chained-up dog
- Turn inside out
- Lhasa
- "Along Without You Very Well" (2 wds.)
- Loves a lot
- One of the Bush sons
- About half a jigger
- Celtic language

DOWN

- Speech impediment
- "Diana" singer Paul
- Drab looking songbird
- Jennings's report
- Allegories
- "I cannot tell" (2 wds.)
- Org. that is Juliette Low's legacy
- Attacked with stones
- Sandwich cookie brand
- Property attachment
- Gumbo ingredient
- Gluts
- Guarantees
- African plant
- Diamond judge
- Rent again
- Trellis
- Newsman Sawyer
- Bar exam component
- Stains
- Baseball's Ripken
- Little Havana's locale
- Sea Eagle
- "There an old woman..."
- Systemized
- 1980 disaster-film spoof
- Midas's obsession
- Kilmer of The Saint
- Imperfect
- Mongrels
- Overcharged
- Semiconductor
- Peacock, for NBC
- Supreme Court Justice Roberts
- Folk singer Seeger
- Mimicker
- Horus's mother
- Cattle call prize
- au-vent

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago February 17, 1977

Saturday, February 12, the District #24 Wrestling Tournaments with 14 teams entering into competition. Grayling placed third and six boys qualified to enter into the regional finals this Saturday. The six qualifiers are Burt Partello, Chuck Gornick, Bill Kellogg, Steve Byce, Grant Byce and Mike Schilbe.

The Crawford County Crime Lab, in danger of closing due to funding difficulties, has received a state grant which enables it to continue providing essential drug analysis services for law enforcement agencies in Northern Lower Michigan and the Eastern Upper Peninsula for another year. State Senator Robert W. Davis of Grayling and Rep. Ralph Ostling of Roscommon were instrumental in getting the funding passed by the state legislature. "The Lab has more than adequately demonstrated its ability to provide rapid, efficient and accurate analytical services, as well as expert supportive testimony in court for the many law enforcement agencies it services," Senator Davis said.

Astronaut James A. Lovell Jr., was in Grayling this past week-end filming segments of a new Bear Archery film on the outdoors with Fred Bear. Lovell is Chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports around which the film evolves. The film is nearing completion after nearly a full year of on location shooting at various places in the Grayling area, including Hartwick Pines, and the Manistee and AuSable Rivers.

46 Years Ago February 18, 1954

Voters of the Grayling School District Tuesday voted by a three to one majority to build an addition to

the Grayling School and to carry out an extensive remodeling program in the present school building.

The Grayling High Vikings after trampling Kalkaska here last Friday night by a 69 to 37 score will be shooting for their fifteenth win this season when they meet St. Francis of Traverse City Friday night.

Colorful coronation ceremonies at the Grayling Winter Sport Park last Sunday afternoon marked the high point of the 1954 Grayling Winter Sports Carnival. Miss Phyllis Goss, 17-year-old Miss Grayling received the crown from the hand of Gerald Eddy, State Conservation director.

An announcement was made today that the Crawford County Avalanche will begin at one the construction of an approximately 26' by 42' cinder block addition to its present plant on Michigan Avenue. The addition will house a new newspaper press which is more than twice as large as the press being used at the present time.

George Mason, president of Nash-Kelvinator Co., of Detroit and summer resident on the South Branch of the AuSable made a gift of 80 acres on a half-mile stretch along the South Branch to the Conservation Department which they accepted at their monthly meeting last week. Mr. Mason's only stipulation was that the strip should be maintained as a wilderness area.

69 Years Ago February 19, 1931

August Engel, caretaker at Wah-Wah-Sum and Elmer Olds, caretaker of the Mrs. S. O. Richardson property both met death in an automobile collision, Thursday night, two miles south on US-27. Also injured in the crash were Mrs. Engel and Mrs. Olds, and the occupants of the other car were Ray Duby driver, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Caid and children Marjorie and Edgar Jr., of Lovells.

Gene Papendick speared a three foot, ten pound pike through a hole in the ice at Lake Margrethe Sunday.

The recent warm weather has left many bare sports in the school yard and the usual springtime game is in vogue - shooting marbles.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Feldhauser at Mercy Hospital last night.

Twin boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Weaver of Frederic.

92 Years Ago February 20, 1908

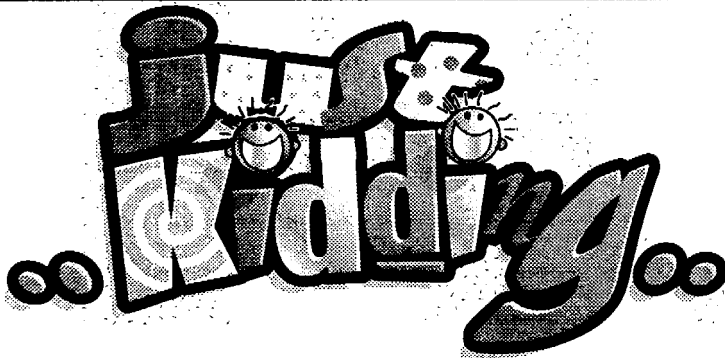
Sunday was squally, so many thought March was here instead of two weeks away. While the southern and central portions of the state are suffering large losses from storms and floods, we are happy with the equitable weather, find sleighing, plenty of money, plenty of labor and plenty to eat. No hard times in Grayling.

Mrs. Inglis, while looking after the furnace at the schoolhouse, near the top of the stairs, fell, vying with show clowns as to the double somersault feat. Fortunately nothing but bruises. School still going on the same old way.

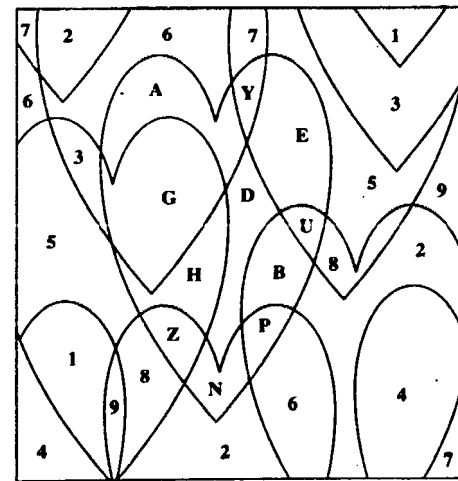
Messrs. Hanson and Michelson were visiting E. N. Sailing in Manistee last week and report his recovering nicely from the terrible surgical operation which he had undergone.

The Band Concert, under the leadership of Prof. Clark was a fine success. Also recitations by Mrs. Maney, who has eloquently ability and a solo by S. Phelps Jr., added variety to the program.

Perry Ostrander went to Lansing a month ago to attend a state Grange meeting, and stayed on to visit relatives and friends, and then was absolutely snowed in, so that instead of being away two weeks as he had planned, he was gone a month.



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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	Snow	On Ground
2/8	33	-8	Trace	11"
2/9	34	18	1"	11"
2/10	28	12	2"	12"
2/11	21	-21		14"
2/12	23	-19	1"	14"
2/13	24	-19	3"	16"
2/14	27	8	Trace	16"
Season Total			55.5"	

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord:
Wednesday - partly sunny with a high near 30. Thursday - chance of snow, with a low in the mid-teens and a high of 20 - 25. Friday - chance of snow showers, with a low in the -midteens and a high near 30. Saturday - mostly cloudy with a low in the mid-teens and a high of 25 - 30.

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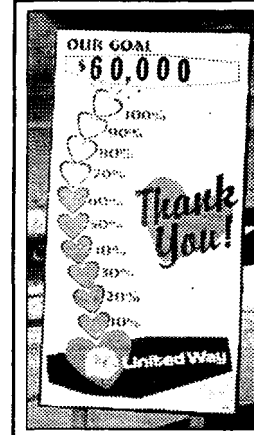
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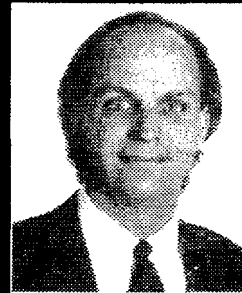
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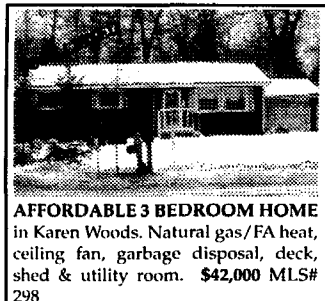
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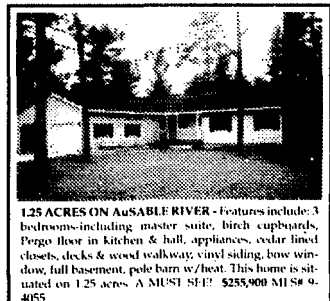
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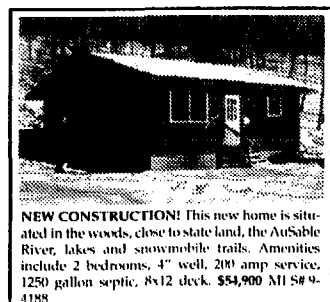
1.25 ACRES ON AUSABLE RIVER - features include 3 bedrooms including master suite, birch cupboards, Pergo floor in kitchen & hall, appliances, cedar lined decks, decks & wood walkway, vinyl siding, four windows, full basement, pole barn w/ floor. This home is situated on 1.25 acres. A MUST SEE! \$259,900 MLS# 9-4055



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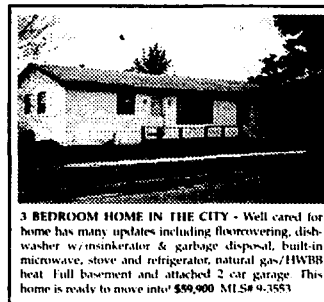
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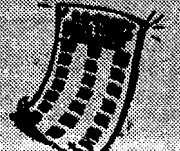
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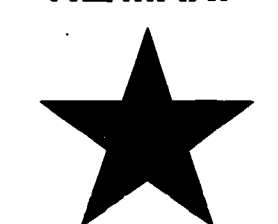
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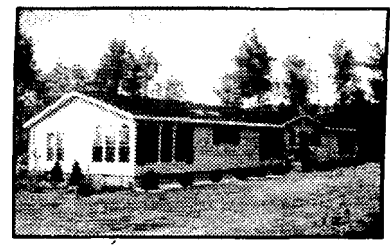
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The Grayling Housing Commission is located at 308 Lawndale Drive



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THERE'S STILL TIME to sign up for Computer Courses through Kirtland Community College's Continuing Education program. There's still openings for the E-mail Workshop on February 25; Intro to Word on March 3; Advanced Word on March 10, Online Investing on March 17, Intro to Excel on March 31, Advanced Excel on April 7, Intro to Power Point on April 28; and Advanced Power Point on May 5. All classes run on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and cost \$69 per class. Call 517-275-5000; ext. 210 to Register Now. (-17-24/3)

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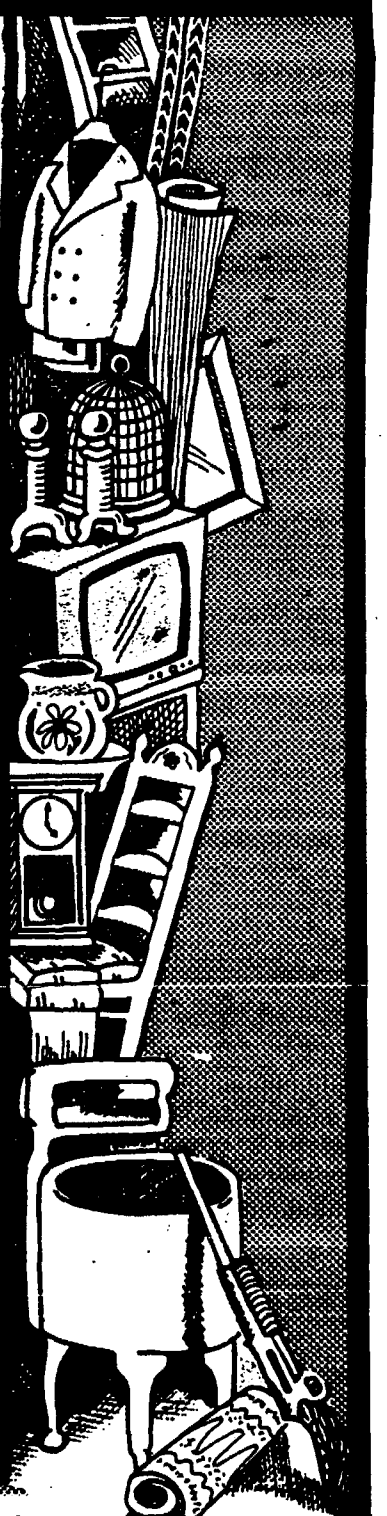
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(table), antique kitchen stove (good)
\$200, lawn umbrella, blue, toaster 4
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